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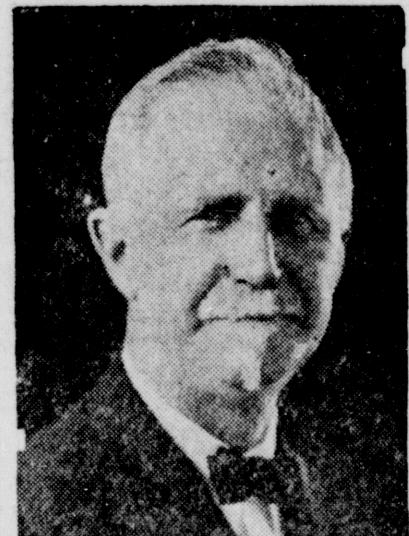
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The Herald Publishes Forecast of Roger W. Babson for New Year



In this issue of The Hamlin Herald will be found the forecast of things to come during 1949, written by Roger W. Babson, noted authority on economics, business and political affairs.

During the past several years, since Babson has been issuing his forecasts, he has achieved a record of better than 90 per cent accuracy on his predictions.

As an example at the beginning of 1948 Babson wrote that there would be no World War III during that year. He predicted that "due to the juggling of the price controversy Mr. Truman has a fair chance of re-election." Another of his remarkably accurate predictions was "that the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages would fluctuate between an upper ceiling of around 185 and a floor of around 156, and that commodity speculation would be curbed."

All of his predictions as given above came to pass.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustling on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachu-

sets Institute of Technology. Upon graduating in 1898, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead!" It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business statistics.

That was more than 45 years ago. Today his weekly statistical and financial reports are read by thousands of businessmen and his research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Mr. Babson founded Babson Institute for men; and, in cooperation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for women,—both nationally known educational institutions. Here young men and women may concentrate more in the fundamentals and less on the frills of business.

More recently he has completed the arrangements for another college named "Utopia" which is located in Eureka, Kansas, the center of Mr. Babson's "Magic Circle." Here people of all ages may check their financial well-being much as at the Mayo Clinic they would check their physical well-being. He is also reviving an interest in Sir Thomas More who—400 years ago—outlined in his "Utopia" the only solution to our problems.

Other directors of the association are L. H. McBride, Hamlin and R. B. Buie and C. F. Upshaw, Stamford. More than 60 persons attended the stockholders meeting which was conducted immediately preceding the election of officers. Forty-five stockholders were present, and others who attended were members of the Anson vocational agriculture class.

Joe Breed, secretary-treasurer, gave a report of the association's operations for the past year, and indicated that the organization had completed a successful year.

A dividend was paid, Mr. Breed reported, and loans made during 1948

in the amount of \$1,000.

It is reported that the association is prepared to extend loans to farmers and ranchers during the coming year through the facilities of the Federal Land Bank, and no increase has been made in interest rates.

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Dr. Rister Gave Preview of Book On S'west Oil

Dr. Carl Rister, professor of history in Oklahoma University at Norman, and nationally known as an author, gave a brief review of a forthcoming book to members of the Hamlin Lions Club at their noon meeting Tuesday.

Rister, who grew to manhood at McCaulley and was graduated from high school there, is also a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He has been on the faculty of Oklahoma University for several years.

The book Dr. Rister has written will be a history of oil in the southwest, and will include much information of value to persons interested in oil field development.

Rister has traveled more than 35,000 miles in compiling data for the book, he told the club, and has visited most of the major oil fields in Texas and other states of the southwest.

"However," he said, "it would have been a physical impossibility to have visited all of the oil fields. There are more than 2,000 producing fields in the state of Texas alone, and countless others in other adjoining states."

Rister pointed out that the United States is supplying more than 75 per cent of all the oil produced in the world today, and the southwestern area is supplying 72 per cent of the nation's production. Texas, he said, is supplying approximately 50 per cent of the nation's oil.

Rister, with relatives and friends from Hamlin visited the new Hamlin oil field in the Round Top area and said he is impressed with the potentialities of the local field.

"Hamlin can easily double in size within the next 24 months," he said, "if the citizens will get behind this oil development, and if the chamber of commerce is aggressive in getting new businesses and industries here."

The speaker said geologists now estimate that the United States has sufficient oil reserves for 400 years at the present rate of consumption.

Jackson Purchases Benshausen Store

The entire stock and fixtures of the Herbert Benshausen grocery store was purchased last week by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, who have been operating Jackson's Grocery and Market.

The Jacksons moved their stock of groceries and their fixtures into the Benshausen location and are now operating the combined stores.

Benshausen, who has operated a store here for the past two years will leave here for his wife's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson came here during the past summer from Lubbock.

Navy Van to Exhibit Trophies in Hamlin

Exhibition of war trophies taken by the Navy will be made in Hamlin Sunday afternoon, January 16, it was announced this week by Chief Barney C. Hall of Abilene, navy recruiter.

The exhibition will be contained in a huge van which is touring the country in the interest of recruiting, Hall said. The van will be parked on the street near the City Drug Store from noon until 6:00 o'clock, Hall said.

Started in New York City, the van will tour the entire country before being taken from the road.

Bank, Post Office, Some Stores to Close

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank, the post office and several Hamlin business establishments will be closed all day Saturday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

While New Year is not observed generally by Hamlin business houses, some of them have indicated that they will not be open on that day. There will be no delivery of mail or rural route patron during the day. The Hamlin Herald will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Representatives of the clubs which participated in the Christmas giving have stated that it is planned to make the gifts a yearly custom in Hamlin.

BOYD'S SISTER DIES.

W. L. Boyd was called to Trenton Christmas eve to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. E. Howell, who died that evening. Funeral rites were conducted Christmas day.



SENSATIONAL PUMPKIN . . . A newspaper reporter, Wilson Auld, points to the small, hollowed-out pumpkin where Whitaker Chambers hid microfilm capsules on a Maryland farm. The house un-American activities committee has declared that the bunch of microfilm, found in the pumpkin, is evidence that government secrets have been "fed out of the state department."

Debt Fund for Hospital Now Totals \$2,801; Late Contributors Listed

A total of \$2,801.32 in cash contributions to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital debt fund had been reported prior to Tuesday noon, according to J. E. Patterson, business manager of the institution.

The fund is expected yet to reach the \$3,000 mark, Patterson said. Several gifts have not yet been reported and other people have not yet been solicited, he said.

The drive was opened several weeks ago when directors of the hospital hoped to raise \$15,000 with which to pay existing and pressing indebtedness in an effort to put the hospital on a self-sustaining basis.

Additional contributions to the fund, since the last list was published, were announced Tuesday by Patterson, as follows:

Lions Club: Viola Johnson \$1; Fred C. Smith \$25; Clarence C. Bailey \$5; C. L. Meyer \$5; Earl Johnson \$5; A. R. Posey \$5; J. C. Harvey \$5; Clota Mae Tegart \$5; Mrs. John Linsky \$2.50; Evelyn Fudge \$1; Rockwell Bros. \$50; miscellaneous \$19.

Rotary Club: Miss Lulan Vaughn \$100; Flat Top District: E. C. Davis \$25; Dudley Lewis \$25. Order of Eastern Star \$50.

Piggly Wiggly \$14.37; Calvary Baptist Church \$15; R. W. Higdon \$5; L. Stone \$2; D. L. Bristow \$20; J. E. eBard \$25; George D. Raney \$5; W. E. Newsom \$5; J. Hargrove \$5; Dana Sharer \$1; J. H. Morton \$10; Woody Scott \$5; Tuxedo Church of Christ \$3; J. Ubben \$30.

Neindra District: John R. Brown \$10; J. E. Brown \$10; K. R. Paulkberry \$10; W. P. Westmoreland \$10; Elmer Joiner \$10; J. B. Westmoreland \$10; E. W. Ueckert \$5; A. M. Dowdy \$5; Jim Young \$10.

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Funeral rites for Mrs. Sarah Bunch Leslie, long-time resident of Hamlin, were conducted at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church, with Rev. W. W. Priddy of Haskell and Rev. Oscar Byrd of near Lamesa in charge.

Mrs. Leslie died in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital Tuesday, following an illness of more than two years. She had been seriously ill for the past few weeks.

Born in Lexington, March 11, 1869, her maiden name was Sarah Bunch Dickinson. She grew to womanhood in that vicinity and was married there in 1887 to I. L. Daniels.

Three children was born to her marriage, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Mattie Meeks of Hamlin, J. T. Daniels of Houston and Jack Daniels of Houston.

Following the death of her first husband, she was married in 1894 to S. B. Leslie, and four children were born, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Maggie Bonds of Elcetra, J. E. Leslie and J. P. Leslie of Lubbock and Mrs. Opal Meeks of Abilene.

Mrs. Leslie's husband died in 1918, and shortly afterward she moved to Hamlin to make her home. She had been a resident here for 30 years at the time of her death.

Mrs. Leslie was a member of the Neindra Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Burial was in the East Cemetery directed by Barrow Funeral Home.

CORRECTION!

The Hamlin Herald regrets an error that was made in a news story in last week's paper. The story concerning prizes given for best decorated yards and homes should have read: Mrs. Luther Marrs, first place, instead of Mrs. Luther Morris. The Herald offers apologies for the inadvertent changing of the name of Mrs. Marrs.

In addition to immediate survivors Watkins is survived by seven grandchildren and one great grandchild. Burial was in the Brazos Valley Cemetery, directed by the Barrow Funeral Home.

Neindra Road Will Be Constructed

\$187,000 to Be Spent in County, State Highway Commission Says; FM Roads Set

Jones County farm-to-market roads will be given a total of \$187,000 worth of construction early in the new year, the state highway department announced Monday of this week.

Included in the roads that are approved for improvement is the road from Neindra to State Highway No. 33, immediately east of Hamlin, which will be made into an all-weather highway.

The Neindra road will be improved for a distance of approximately six and one-half miles, the department said.

Long on the agenda of Hamlin road boosters, the Neindra project was considered tabled several months ago when a controversy arose about the raising of the Hamlin lake dam, which, engineers said, would inundate the road if it were improved. Local committee members believed this attitude constituted a stalemate in their efforts to have the road improved, according to Fred Smith, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce roads committee.

Other roads in Jones County that are in line for improvement are:

Cotton Trading Dropped Off as Prices Advance

Trading in Oklahoma and Texas cotton markets dropped off last week, the Dallas office of USDA's Production and Marketing Administration, reported.

Sales dipped to 53,428 bales at Galveston, Houston and Dallas, about 28 per cent less than the previous week, but a third more than during Christmas week last year.

Reported sales in the country's 10 spot markets including those in Texas totaled 190,500 bales last week against 235,000 the previous week and 100,500 last year.

Cotton prices advanced about 50 cents per bale during the week. The spot remained firm at most southwest markets. Dallas quoted middling 15-16 inch cotton at 32.10 cents per pound last Thursday compared to 35.15 cents last year on the corresponding day.

Domestic inquiries increased slightly and export interest continued good. Domestic demand was chiefly for middling and strict middling white cotton ranging in staple lengths 31-32 inch through 1-16 inch. Best shippers' demand is for low middling and better white cotton ranging in staple lengths 7-8 inch through 1-16 inch.

Some inquiries have been made for loan equities, and a few sales have been made, according to reports.

Cotton mill activity declined during November and was about 10 per cent below a year ago.

Cottonseed prices changed very little during Christmas week. Average price paid Texas farmers was \$75 per ton. Oklahoma farmers received an average price of \$74.20.

Frank Hughes Injured in Accident; Lost Foot

Frank Hughes, an employee of the Hamlin Oil Mill, suffered the loss of his left foot last Wednesday morning in an accident at the plant.

Hughes, who was working on a conveyor belt, lost the foot when it became entangled in the belt and was torn off. He was rushed to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital for surgical attention, and the remainder of the foot was removed.

Hughes, after his foot was caught, hobbled to the power switch and shut down the machinery and then called Bill Terry, manager of the plant, who took the man to the hospital.

His condition this week was reported to be improving.

Guests in the W. R. Redus home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lorenz of Omaha, Nebraska. They returned to their home Tuesday.

Activities in the Round Top area of the Hamlin oil field were quiet during the Christmas holidays, and reports of drilling were meager as the new year opened.

Several wells in the field were drilling ahead, however, by the middle of the week and reports were that pay zones are expected to be tapped within the next few days.

Meanwhile local business men and those interested in oil production were planning for an expected heavy increase in production from the field as new wells locations were being talked and prospects for extending the production zone seemed excellent.

Wells that were drilling ahead after the pause for Christmas are General Crude, Flores No. 4, Ellis Hall, G. A. Poe, No. 4, the Texas Co., Stephens Estate No. 1, the J. B. Terrell No. 3, the A. G. Griffin Estate No. 1, and the Sterling No. 3.

Another test that is drilling this week is the C. L. Nosworth well on the Cleo Shell tract. Spudded in last week, one and one-half miles west of Royston the test will go to the Ellingerburger.

Hamlin People Get Happiness From Distributing Food at Christmas.

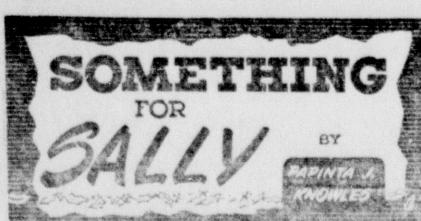
Many expressions of happiness were made by those who had charge of the distribution of food, toys and candy to Hamlin's needy families at Christmas.

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'Pin Money' Began As New Year Gift

'Pin money' is a New Year's expression.

It all started back in the time of the royal Stuarts of England when gift-giving on New Year's day was in fashion. Gloves were considered appropriate gifts for most people, but if a gentleman had saved a little "extra," he gave the money to his wife or sweetheart for pins which were very expensive at that time.

The popular 'pin money' phrase in our language has survived both the expensive pin and the New Year gift-giving custom.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too. Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion, "I believe it's my affair about work-

Beta Theta Sorority Had Christmas Party

Members of the Beta Theta sorority were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Austin Foe, director, last week.

Each member brought a toy which was to be donated to the Fire Department for distribution to needy families.

Frogs furnished entertainment during the evening and gifts were exchanged by the members.

Drinks were served to Mrs. Joe Douglas, Mrs. Jack Russell, Mrs. Pat Marlow, Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mrs. Jesse Birditt, Mrs. Don Hymer, Mrs. Kenneth Parker, Mrs. Perry Sparks, Mrs. Johny Bryant, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Mrs. O. T. Kelly, Miss Kathryn Lancaster, Mrs. Austin Foe, Mrs. Clifford Reynolds Jr., Mrs. Stanley Carmichael and a guest Mrs. C. F. Butcher of Odessa.

Former Anson Banker Dies in Fort Worth

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Anson for Charles Henry Steele, 82, former Anson banker.

Steele died in a Fort Worth hospital early Tuesday following an extended illness.

He came to Anson in 1890 where he entered the practice of law. He served as county attorney for Jones

close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet. "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars...

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.



WELCOME '49 . . . There's a lull in the party. Everybody waits and watches the clock. Then it arrives—1949 at last! Here's a candle for the New Year. May it be the brightest, happiest yet.

County and later as district attorney in the old 39th district court.

In 1901 Seelye bought a private bank in Anson and organized it into the First National Bank. He served as president of the institution until 1916, when he moved to Fort

Worth to become vice president of a bank there.

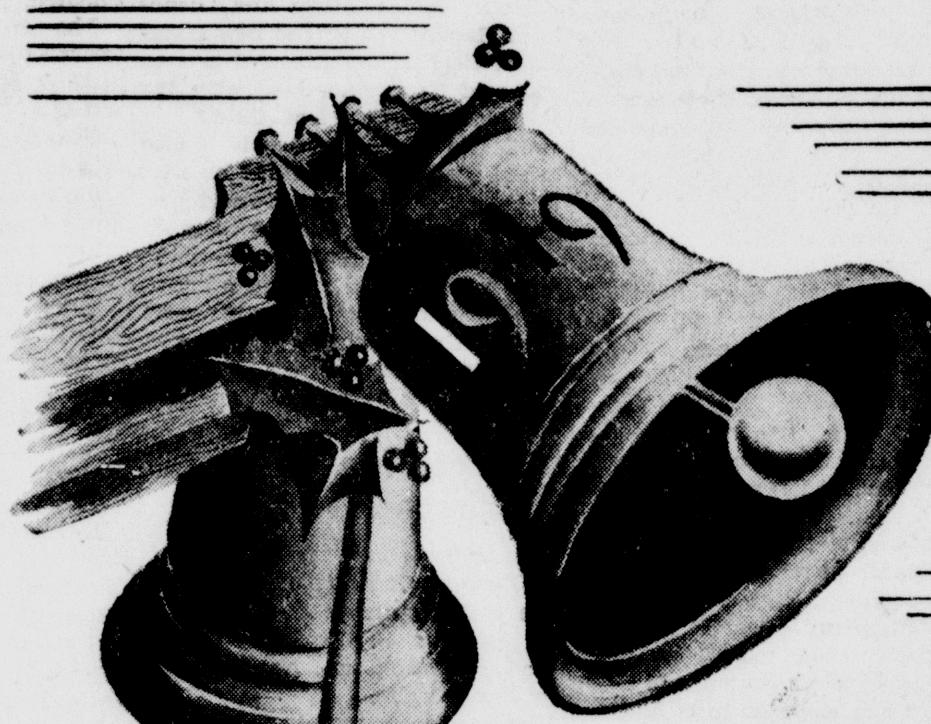
Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lovett of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker of Sweetwater were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ritchey and daughter, Kathryn, last weekend.

F. S. Holton of New Orleans spent the holidays here with Mrs. Holton and their son, Tommie. Holton is a student in New Orleans.

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DIAMOND Blackeyed Peas	Can	10¢
VALTEX New Potatoes	Can	10¢
ADAMS Orange Juice	2 No. 2 Cans	25¢
HUNT'S Fruit Cocktail	8 oz. Can	13¢
FAMOUS STAR Blackberries	No. 2 Can	25¢
COFFEE		
FOLGER'S	1 lb. can	48¢

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Freedom Is Not Free, Writer Claims As He Discusses Cost of Liberty

By Maurice R. Franks

In speaking of free enterprise, too few of us seem to realize its significance, what it stands for, how it came about and what it means to our American way of life. A poll was taken on this subject a few years ago to determine the attitude of the man in the street towards free enterprise. The poll disclosed some interesting opinions. Few participants understood the real meaning of this system. Some of the answers were so vague as to be practically blank; others were downright ludicrous. When one man was asked what he thought of free enterprise, he replied with that well-known dumb, astonished look, "They ought to put a tax on it." Another, when questioned, retorted, "If it's free, it can't be any good."

By and large, we Americans, who have so greatly benefited by this system, have become so accustomed to it that we take it completely for granted and make the simple assumption that it always was and always will be with us.

But free enterprise is not always here and, if certain forces have their way, it is slated for an early demise. The Socialists and Communists do not believe in free enterprise as we Americans know it and, whether they be pink or red, are leaving no stone unturned to discredit it and deliver it onto the junk heap in exchange for a system of state control, similar to that in effect in Soviet Russia and her satellite nations.

This, if nothing else, should remind us that freedom of enterprise, like our other basic freedoms, does not contain the germ of its own immortality. The blood and sweat which brought it into being cry loud for eternal vigilance.

We Americans proudly boast—and rightly, too—that we are the greatest nation on earth. But I wonder how many of us have taken time out to discover why we can claim such a title. Well, one of the chief reasons for our national greatness is in our adherence to the system of free enterprise—the system which, through its natural creation of initiative, profit has produced the greatest initiative yet known to man under this particular economy, the cost of the best for the lease is made available, with the result that Americans are conspicuously well

as compared to the citizens of other nations. Our standard of living, irrespective of our station in life, is one of almost royal enjoyment. However, in order to preserve this fruitful system—the system of profit and loss—we must likewise pay a price. And that price is industrial and personal integrity—the honest will to deliver an honest product for an honest price, and to render an honest day's work for an honest day's pay.

In a word, our precious freedom of enterprise, if it is to survive the forces that would destroy it, must be fully and consistently paid for through our conscientious adherence to the principle of fair dealing, all around. The motto of free enterprise can never be, "Business is business, and Devil take the sucker"; it must be, "Business can be business so long as it has a heart."

Paradoxical as it may appear on the surface, and whether we wish to accept the fact or not, we must pay a price for freedom. And that price, when understood by one and all, means that the freedom of the other fellow is the only basis for our own. The price of freedom is conscience; Freedom Isn't Free.

Veterans News

The questions and answers below about veteran problems are carried in a series to former service-connected personnel by The Herald. Material for the column is supplied by the area office of the Veterans Administration at Lubbock.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Are the widower and children of a woman veteran entitled to pension at her death?

A—Under present laws, a widow is not entitled, but surviving children may be entitled to pension.

Q—May pension or compensation payments, accruing to a veteran and unpaid at the time of his death, be awarded to the widow, children or dependent parents?

A—Yes, in the order named. If it is not paid to one of these persons, it may be payable to the person

STORE JOINS C.C.

The Hunter Style Shoppe successor to the Thomas Style Shoppe, has joined the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce and will participate in the weekly trades program, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, secretary of the chamber of commerce, said Tuesday.

paying the expenses of the last sickness and burial.

Q—My son was killed on action during World War II. Am I entitled to compensation?

A—You are entitled to compensation, provided dependency can be shown. Dependency will be held to exist if you do not have sufficient income to provide reasonable maintenance for your self and your family.

Q—While in the Army, I had a dependency allowance for my mother. I am now attending school under Public Law 346. Is it necessary for me to re-establish dependency of my mother?

A—Yes. For further details, contact your local Veterans Administration office.

Q—Under what circumstances is now necessary for me to take a physical examination in order to reinstate my National Service Life Insurance Policy?

A—It is necessary to take a physical examination in order to reinstate National Service Life Insurance in every case where the insurance has lapsed for more than three months.

Q—I intend to enter school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act in January of this coming year. When should I apply for my Certificate of Eligibility?

A—if you wish to enter training under Public Law 346, you should apply for your Certificate of Eligibility at least 30 days before the enrollment date.

Q—May I transfer my National Service Life Insurance policy to any of the private companies?

A—No. Your NSLI is convertible only to one or more of the six permanent plans issued by Veterans Administration. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment, Endowment at age 60, and Endowment at age 65.

Q—I served in the U. S. Army during World War I. Am I eligible for Government Life Insurance?

A—as a veteran of World War I, you are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 of U. S. Government Life Insurance. It does not matter whether you took out such insurance while you were in the service or have let it lapse.



There's plenty of good, wholesome food at every "chow down" period for Naval Aviation Cadets in training at Pensacola Naval Air Station and seconds are always in order. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two *Official Navy Pictures*

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Blackeye Peas

Thrift Fresh 15-Oz. Can 10¢

Peaches

Highway Sliced or Halves, Y. C. No. 2 1/2 Can 25¢

Brazil Nuts

Cello Pack 1-Lb. Pkg. 25¢

Eggs

Morning Star Mixed Colors Doz. 63¢

Ginger Ale

Snowy Peak (Plus Dept.) 2 32-Oz. Dots. 23¢

Blackberries

Walco No. 2 Can 23¢

Pineapple Juice

Libby No. 2 Can 17¢

Tomato Juice

Taste Tells No. 2 Can 10¢

Pork & Beans

Std. 3 15 1/2 Oz. Cons. 25¢

Cherub Milk

3 Tall Cons. 39¢

Airway Coffee

1-Lb. Pkg. 40¢

Nob Hill Coffee

2 1-Lb. Pkgs. 87¢

Edwards Coffee

Top Quality 1-Lb. Can 47¢

Chocolates

Sunshine Assorted 1-Lb. Box 59¢

Syrup

Sleepy Hollow Rich in Maple 12-Oz. Bott. 22¢

Whole Pickles

American Sour or Dill 22-Oz. Jar 23¢

Fresh Eggs

Twelve Grand Mixed Sizes & Colors Doz. 57¢

Bread

Mrs. Wright's Extra Tender 24-Oz. Loaf 18¢

Flour

Kitchen Craft Top Quality 5 Lbs. Bag 49¢

Flour

10 Lbs. Bag 87¢

Flour

Gold Medal Kitchen Tested 10 Lbs. Bag 87¢

Corn Meal

Premium White 5 1-Lb. Bag 33¢

Margarine

Plain 1-Lb. Pkg. 29¢

Margarine

Sun Valley Colored 1-Lb. Pkg. 41¢

Shortening

Royal Satin 3-Lb. Can 99¢

Dog Food

Ford 2 Reg. Cons. 29¢

Ivory Soap

It Floats Lge. Bar. 15¢

Lux Soap

Toilet Soap 2 Reg. Bars 17¢

Oxydol

Soap Powder Lge. Pkg. 31¢

Extra Special

PILLSBURY 14 1/2 oz. box

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GARDEN SIDE No. 2 Can 10¢

Spinach 46 oz. can 25¢

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Red Grapes

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Classified Ads**For Sale**

FOR SALE—Record player. See Dr. McCrary. 5-tfc

FOR SALE—Practically new Perfection coal oil cook stove.—See Mrs. C. B. Phenix. 9-2p

FOR SALE—Gas table-top range.—Mrs. Bennie Ford, phone 254, Hamlin. 1p

FOR SALE—Seven room house with bath; furnished. All hard wood floors. Across from Elementary School.—See W. Wallace or call 439. 50-tfc

FOR SALE—Three late model Jeeps—See Bandeen Motor Company, Stamford. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Used portable washer, also evening wrap worn one time.—Contact trailer house at Frank Williams' home. 3-2p

FOR SALE—1938 Plymouth 2-door; Dodge motor; reasonable.—Dr. J. W. McCrary. 52-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—My home and small laundry. Call 394 anytime.—Mrs. Minnie McNeely. 2-tfc

FOR SALE—20x40 building; nearly new.—Located nine miles southeast.—Contact Elmer D. Rogers, Hamlin. 7-4p

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For Rent

FOR RENT—Two 3-room houses, 1 with gas, lights and water in house; 1 with water, lights in house; 1 trailer house. Will move it in any part of town. We have moved our 3-minute picture machine home. Will make your picture any time. Come over.—M. L. Moore, across highway from Carlton's Blacksmith Shop. 9-2p

FOR RENT—Five-room modern apartment.—Inquire Hamlin Motor Company. 9-2c

FOR RENT—Building now occupied by Lewis Wheat & Son; good location. Will be for rent about January 1. Also storage space in brick warehouse.—Wilson Hardware. 6-tfc

FOR RENT—Magnetic vacuum cleaner, all attachments, \$1 per day.—White Auto Store. 3tfc

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AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

FOR RENT—Small apartment house, unfurnished.—See Frances Fannin or phone 240. 51-tfc

FOR RENT—Electric paint spray gun by the hour or by the job.—White's Auto Store. 1-tfc

Wanted

WORK WANTED—Cemetery curbing. See or write J. B. Smith, Anson, Texas or contact M. L. Haught, Hamlin, Texas. 6-4p

WANTED—Nicely furnished house or apartment. Couple references furnished.—Call 208. 8-2p

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

ONLY GENUINE Maytag parts for sale by Bryant-Link Co., Hamlin. 13tfc

DID YOU KNOW you could get new sewing machines at White Auto Store. 44-tfc

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

WANTED—Water well drilling.—George Sublett, Merkel, Texas, call 222. 7-3p

Cards of Thanks**CARD OF THANKS**

From the depths of our hearts we wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy, and the beautiful floral offerings at the death of our son, and brother M-Sgt. J. P. Bingham Jr. Especially do we want to thank the VFW and Auxiliary for the dinner they served.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bingham and children. 1p

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our sincere and heart-felt appreciation to the people of Hamlin and vicinity who have been so kind to our mother, Mrs. S. B. Leslie, during her last illness, and for the many words of sympathy and the beautiful flowers at her death.—The Daniels children and the Leslie children. 1c

A Quiet Evening at Home

Tomorrow these Aviation Cadets in training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station will put their homework into actual practice in the skies over the Florida base. Two cadets are assigned to large rooms in brick dormitories. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 25, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active service.

(Official Navy Photograph)

Personal News:

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd during the Christmas holidays were J. D. Coopwood of Odell, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd Jr. and family of Plainview, Mary Boyd of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sparkman and baby of Sweetwater, Mrs. Wesley Johnson and sons, Billie and Douglass of Fort Worth, and Jack Hagelstine of San Angelo.

Mrs. J. F. Hocott's mother came to Hamlin by plane from Atlanta, Georgia, to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Hocott.

Mrs. Maud Watson visited in Borger during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Albritton were hosts to relatives for Christmas dinner last Saturday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thurmon and son, Britt of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Roland and daughters, Reba and Mary Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albritton and children, Cecilia, Dotie and Jan.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Duncan had as their guests during the holidays Mr. Duncan's father, Bill Duncan of Guymon, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Metter and family of Hooker, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Metter Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. Hattie Murray of Loveland, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Adkins of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Adkins of Lubbock and Miss Hazel Adkins of Pasadena, California, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shelburne during the Christmas holidays. Miss Adkins is a recent graduate of Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto. She has a degree in physical therapy and is now treating polio patients in a Los Angeles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Bush and children of Bakersfield, California, Edwin Bush of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Pottard of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott of Albany were guests in the home of Connie Drake during the Christmas holidays.

Guests in the home of Dr. and

DISCHARGES

Viola Avant, December 24.

Mrs. Roy Carmichael, December 24.

Judy Scurlock, December 26, surgery.

Mrs. W. L. Meeks, December 28, medical treatment.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson, December 27, surgery.

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Mrs. W. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Key and son, Bruce, of Tarzan, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole Jr., and three sons, of Haskell and Louis Criswell spent Christmas in Hamlin with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott and family.

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The fifth chapter of Genesis records that Adam lived a total of 930 years; Seth reached the age of 912, and Enos—the son of Seth—died at 905. Cain lived 910 years, Mahaleel attained the age of 895, and Jared—grandfather of Methuselah—lived 962 years, only seven years less than his grandson's record. Enoch, Methuselah's father, seems to have been the exception to the rule—since he died at the age of 31.

Mrs. Don Gould during the holidays were Mrs. Gould's parents, Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Baker of Walters, Oklahoma, and Mrs. Gould's sisters and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bettram and daughter, and Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Waggoner and sons all of Lawton. Dr. Gould's mother, Dr. Beulah Gould of Stamford was also a guest.

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Mrs. B. S. Ferguson had as guests during the holidays her son and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ferguson Jr., of Wichita Falls and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Low of Lubbock.

Mrs. Ruby McMahon spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sparks and family in Matheo. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks returned to Hamlin with her for a brief visit.

GREETINGS FOR THE

As we close the door upon the Old and open the door to the New we hope that 1949 will usher in for you an unprecedented era of prosperity and happiness.

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Bill Frederick, Manager

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DR. DON GOULD

This Eventful Year

CHRONOLOGY of the YEAR 1948

Disasters

January
12—Dominican DC-3 airplane crashes between Santo Domingo and Barceloneta, kills 31 persons, including entire Santiago baseball team.
Thirty-two persons killed, including 22 Marines when DC-3 explodes near Coalton, Cal.
Army funeral ship, Joseph V. Connelly, partly destroyed by fire, sinks while being towed to New York.
Air Marshal Arthur Cunningham, 62, and 31 others killed in plane crash.

February

Two truckloads of explosives are blown up, devastating a three-block section in Jerusalem.
Nineteen persons aboard an Indian National Airways plane en route from New Delhi to London killed in crash.

March

Thirty persons killed when Northwest Airlines DC-4 crashed on Mt. Sanford, Alaska, en route from Shanghai to San Francisco.
Ten A. F. flyers killed when a B-29 crashes at MacDill field, near Tampa, Fla.
At least 42 persons killed and more than 300 injured in a series of tornadoes which struck nine states from Texas to central New York.

April

More than 3,000 families are evacuated when Ohio river overflows, thirty persons (19 Americans) killed when PWA plane crashes at Erie.
Cooper mine explosion near Aguas Calientes, Peru, kills 41 miners.

May

Tornadoes kill at least 23 persons in midwestern states.
Bloodied Columbia river claims 23 lives, causes great damage in Oregon, Washington, Idaho. Devastates Vancouver City, Ore.

June

Series of earthquakes destroy about 10 percent of Japan's industrial city of Fukuk (population 85,000) and surrounding towns of Honshu.
Transport plane used by the Mexican-American foot and mouth disease commission crashes on Mt. Orizaba.
Thirty-nine killed when Swedish DC-4 airliner (32 aboard) collides with R.A.F. York transport (7 aboard) near London.
Nineteen coal miners killed in explosion in Princeton, Ind.

July

Eleven men killed when B-29 goes down after take-off near Roswell.
A Navy weather reconnaissance plane with 12 aboard crashes and same day on Rota Island, 50 miles north of Guam.
Seventeen U. S. air force men killed in B-29 crash at Rapid City, S. D.

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Hurricane causes 11 deaths and 10 million dollars damage in Cuba, then does great damage in Miami.
A B-29 bomber, struck by lightning, explodes over Waycross, Ga. Nine killed.

Twenty persons died and hundreds were made ill, apparently as a result of smog (blend of smoke and fog) which blanketed Donora, Pa.

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Bingo Crosby named top money-making star for 8th consecutive year.
"Best Years of Our Lives" wins daily film poll as the best 1947 picture.
Cuba observes 100th anniversary of discovery of gold by Jas. M. Marshall in Colombia.
Gen. Omar Bradley formally nominated by President Truman to succeed Gen. D. Eisenhower as Army chief of staff.

Bolivia is put in stage of siege because of alleged revolutionary plot.

January

Erie Johnson re-elected president of Association of Motion Picture Directors.
President urges congress to continue or two more years the \$500-million-a-year programs of federal aid to states or highways.
Army reports that World War II cost \$33,235,000,000 (\$33 billion).
U.S. grants extend Michael of Romania dispensation to marry Danish princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme.

February

House grants \$200,000 to un-American activities committee by a 37-37 vote.
B-29 drops a 42,000-pound non-explosive bomb, largest ever made, in test at Muroc, Cal.

March

President Truman names Paul Gray Hoffman, president of Studebaker Corporation, supreme ERPC.
T. P. Reuter, president of CIO United Auto Workers, badly wounded by unidentified assailant.

Commission of the Churches of International Affairs is established in New York City.

April

Columbia breaks off diplomatic relations with Russia.
Gov. Dewey of New York stumps Oregon.
President Truman invokes Taft-Hartley law to avert long-distance telephone strike.
Chrysler ends its 17-day strike, grants 13¢ hourly raise.

May

Senate convenes in a special session called by President Truman.
Elizabeth Bentley, confessed wartime Communist spy, makes startling disclosures before a Senate expenditure subcommittee.

Senator Taft of Ohio tours North Carolina in election workers campaign.

CIO Packinghouse Workers in Chicago ends its 82-day strike of 8,000.

Top Ten Spot News Stories of 1948

(As selected by nation's weekly editors in Publishers' Auxiliary poll.)

President Truman and Democratic party score upset election victory.

Russians blockade Berlin, causing inauguration of airlift, heightening the "cold war."

Count Bernadotte assassinated during U. N. mission in Palestine.
Southern Democrats rebel to form states' rights or "Dixiecrat" party.

War in China nears climax with Communist troops marching to apparent victory and U. S. officials refusing to grant additional aid to Chiang Kai-shek.

High cost of living plagues Americans and their business with fourth round of wage boosts seen in offing.

Oksana Kosenkina leaps from Russian consulate window in desperate effort to escape impending return to native land, creating international episode.

Mohandas Gandhi assassinated by Hindu extremist, terminating life of service to India and cause of freedom.

United Nations proceedings bring into open many international problems and emphasize conflict between East and West.

Eighthieth congress sets legislative background for party positions during election campaign.

Aug. 5—Auguste Piccard and Max Cosyns abandoned plans to make two-and-one-half-mile deep-sea dives after their special bathyscaphe damaged in the South Seas islands.

The house was closed indefinitely to social engagements and sightseers until extensive repairs to the mansion could be completed.

12—Top U. S. Communist leader, responsible for fourth time because of illness of William Z. Foster, Communist party chairman.

14—U. S. air force ends efforts to make rain by seeding clouds with dry ice after nine months of experiments prove ineffectivity of procedure.

Dec. 7—Secretary of State George Marshall undergoes appendectomy.

13—Astronomers at Mt. Wilson observatory announced discovery of a new planet, 1948, traveling a route within 140 million miles of Earth.

22—Princess Elizabeth's son christened.

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Beginning Again

"I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,
And never be put on again."

Those inspired lines from the talented pen of Lousia Fletcher are especially apt appropriate at this season of the year, when time is fast running out of the old year and a new, fresh, unspoiled year stands at the threshold of eternity awaiting the stroke of midnight to make its dramatic entry.

They are lines that need to be read and studied daily by those of us who are constantly making mistakes and forever hurting those whom we love most.

New Year is a fine old tradition—one that we would do well to continue. It is a time for sober reflection upon the unchangeable record of our past lives and for making solemn resolutions that we will avoid mistakes during the coming 365 days.

New Year traditionally is a time for taking inventory. It is a time when business men check over old transactions and balance their accounts. It is an ideal time, too, for the individual to check over the personal transactions of his own life and balance his own accounts.

There is none of us who has not made mistakes during the days of the fast wanning 1948. Many of us have made grievous ones. And it is a helpful thing for us to look backward with regret and then turn forward with hope and courage.

It is never well for us to dwell too long in deep regret, nor is it wise to indulge in too much self recrimination. We need to look backward only long enough to be convinced that we were wrong and that some other course would have been kinder and wiser.

But as we face the new year we can avoid the errors that we made during the past. We are facing 365 days of opportunity for doing good. We are going into 12 months of unknown adventure—of untried experiences, and it is ours to determine largely how the history of those 12 months will be written in our own book of life.

Have you been guilty of pettiness during the past year? Then you can resolve now that you will become bigger. Have you permitted hatred and malice to enter your heart during 1948? Then you can pledge to yourself that there will be no room for such dangerous passions in the days that stretch before you.

Have you deliberately stunted your spiritual life in the 52 weeks that will end Friday night? Then you now can make a vow that you will nurture your soul as you nurture your body during the year that is dawning.

Each time we face a new year we have this glorious opportunity of beginning again. Each resolution we make is proof that within us a desire for a better life constantly struggles. Many resolutions are made with honesty and determination only to be broken before many days pass by. But it is much better to break them than never to have made them. For each resolution made is an attempt on our part to conquer the baser parts of our natures.

And so, as we face 1949—with all the world unrest and all the threats of war and bloodshed—let each of us, conscious of our weaknesses and our limitations, vow within our own hearts that we shall make

each of the days of 1949 a shining one in which we will try honestly to avoid the mistakes made during the year that has just passed. Thus we can make reality of the make-believe world pictured by Miss Fletcher.

Open Letter To A Fool

Now that one-half of the annual highway holiday slaughter is over and the blood on our red-stained highways has dried in preparation for another baptism of gore during the coming week-end, it seems fitting that a letter should be addressed to those who will be responsible for the carnage that always ushers in a New Year.

Some of them will not be living many hours after the New Year begins its inexorable march down the pages of 1948—and most of them won't read this, but perhaps a few will. And it is just possible that this letter will cause one of them to think and thus save his life. Anyway, here's a letter to a fool:

Of course you'll yawn when you read this—that is if you read it at all. And if you do read it and yawn, you'll think that it applies to your neighbor or the man across the street and never once let it soak into that head of yours that perhaps it might refer to you.

You've been reading editorials of this nature—or yawning and passing them by—every holiday season for many years. You've probably come to believe that newspapers publish them just to fill up vacant space, or for the personal entertainment of the editor—never once have you let it soak through your thick skull that they are published in an effort to penetrate the dark fog that enshrubs your feeble mind.

And now, if you've read this far, you're probably wondering just what is the purpose of this editorial, and when, if ever, it's going to get to the point. You're probably expecting it to go into a bunch of trite statements and quote a lot of statistics, and then wind up with that worn-out slogan about driving safely.

But again you're wrong. This editorial is not written in the hope that your own life will be saved. You probably already have forfeited it many times in the dangerous chances you've taken at the wheel of your car. It is only a matter of time until your body will be picked up in pieces and placed in a basket, because you can't continue to win in the long chances you have been taking.

But when that moment comes that you are snatched into eternity, why do you want to take others with you? Why do you want to go out to meet God with your hands dripping with the blood of innocent persons? I know that you are not a murderer at heart, but you certainly are not careful when it comes to safeguarding the lives of others.

There will be hundreds of cars on the roads during this week-end. Many of the drivers will be no brighter than you—and it is barely possible that some will not be quite as bright—so please try to make that foot of yours a little bit lighter when you put it on the gas, and try to use that head for something other than a receptacle for cheap liquor and a holder for cigarettes.

Just remember that you need not be in such a hurry to hurl yourself into eternity because you're going to be there a long, long time, and this old world will get along fairly well without you. And even though your name would look real nice chiseled into a piece of marble, you'll not be there to read it.

So, please Mr. Reckless Driver, whose only fitting title is fool, drive safely and save a life—it may be your own worthless one.

REGULAR FELLERS

He Tells Time With A Yard Stick



By Gene Byrnes

VETERANS' NEWS

Many subsistence checks mailed each month to veterans studying in schools and colleges under the GI Bill and Public Law 16 must be returned because the veteran moved and failed to inform the Veterans Administration promptly of his new address, VA reports.

Federal law prohibits mail carriers from forwarding a government check from one address to another. It must be delivered to the address on the check.

Checks which cannot be delivered must be returned to the Treasury Department and held there until the veteran submits a change of address to the VA regional office holding his records.

Veterans Administration has announced that its current dental

work backlog is the lowest in two years.

Dr. Bion R. East, director of VA's Dental Service, said that during the three months ending September 30, 1948, the agency's dental workload was pared from 291,051 to 229,541, a reduction of 21 per cent.

Dr. East said he expected an even greater reduction by June 30, 1949, the end of the present fiscal year.

Escape from punishment is not in accordance with God's government, since justice is the handmaid of mercy.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Crime and punishment grow out of one stem. Punishment is a fruit that unsuspected ripens within the pleasure which concealed it.—Emerson.

Predictions for '49
Made by Babson

of the wageworkers. Some object to the large profits that their employers are getting today compared with the 1930's. It, however, should be remembered that during these depression years most employers had no profits whatsoever. We forecast that profits will continue to be regulated automatically by the law of supply and demand, rather than by the government.

At some time during 1949 we forecast that the point will be reached where the nation's inflated money supply will have become fully employed. Hence, emphasis may shift from efforts to stop inflation to efforts to halt deflation.

STOCK MARKET

32.—1949 may not be a better year stock market wise than 1948. Investors will especially get out of stocks of companies which have most of their assets in big, "vulnerable in case of war" cities, reinvesting in companies whose assets are well distributed and safe from attack.

33.—The Administration will not want the Dow-Jones Industrial Average to go too high on account of the consequent effect upon labor's demands. Commodity speculation will continue to be curbed.

34.—The wisest will not try to pick any special "winners" in 1949; but will diversify broadly. Those who have too many stocks will gradually build up good reserves, in cash Governments, for the big break which will come some day. Careful buyers of stocks will insist on making full payment and avoid borrowing during 1949.

35.—Safe dividend paying stocks will be in greatest demand, especially if double taxation on dividends should be eliminated.

BONDS

36.—We are definitely bearish on low-coupon-rate, long-term taxable bonds as money rates fall gradually increase.

37.—If Congress should exempt dividends from double federal taxation, 1949 will see a further falling in the prices of certain tax-exempt bonds.

38.—We forecast no change in the nation's monetary policy relating to credit control and interest rates during 1949.

39.—Investors will give much more attention to diversification in 1949 and will try to have their bond maturities either fairly short or staggered.

REAL ESTATE

40.—City real estate will continue to hold firm through 1949, due to less available rental space caused by filling down structures to save taxes, provide parking spaces, etc. There also is a disinclination to build new city property in view of the present high costs.

41.—Suburban real estate will continue in fair demand during 1949 although there will be some shading of prices.

42.—Big commercial farm acreage will sell for less during 1949; but subsistence farms, located close to established communities, will hold up in price.

43.—General building will decrease during 1949 although the cost of building may decline a little. The quality of workmanship will improve.

44.—Both office and residential rents will be higher in 1949. Only as property owners are granted higher rentals, will there be enough houses to rent.

45.—Mortgage interest rates during 1949 will continue about the same as in 1948. Any change will be toward increases.

POLITICS

46.—The Administration will encourage legitimate new enterprises and full employment, continuing its loyalty to labor and the farmers.

47.—Vacancies in the various commissions and government corporations organized since 1932 and which have great powers will be filled by men acquainted with legitimate business but friendly to Mr. Truman.

48.—Congress will take our foreign policy out of the hands of the State Department and the Brass Hats.

49.—The Administration will be fair both to labor and management or lose the Congressional elections of 1950 by bringing on depression.

50.—Men are not hanged for stealing horses, but that horses may not be stolen.—Lord Halifax.

Penalties may be delayed, but they are sure to come.—H. W. Beecher

Pete's Uncle Belshazzir Gets Nice Vacation in Anson as Guest of the Judge; Paw Writes Harry

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hamlin harold,
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dear sir:

i shore wuz tickled to sea my peice in yore paiper last weak, it helot me to pruve to paw that i am a jernalist. he sed he dont beleve it becuz whut cood peepil expeekt whin i haiv got the kind of ansisters that i haiv got? i ast my teechir at skule whut ansisters ment and she sed it meens four fathirs. i gess thare aint no chanst of me havin nun thin becaus i aint got but one father and he aint nuttin to brag abouwt.

uncle belshazzir got into a peck of trubbl last week and he is now in a town naimed ansin. he didnt intind to stay thare long, but the judge sed it woud be 30 daze. and uncle bel, him bein a reepublican sed he woodnt want to argy with a jedge.

it hapnit thisaway. uncle bel wuz tryin to maik sum extra money fer chrismas so he cood haiv sum aig nog. and he wint to a house thare and ast if thare wuzzent nuthin he coodnt do to maik sum money, and the wumman sed "shore, mistar thare's a rug out thare on that fence, taik it and beet it."

well, mistar editar, that's jest what he wuz doin whin the poleece cawt him. his ony trubbl wuz that he didnt beet it fast

anuff ennyway he sed thare wuzent no need to worry abowt him fer chrismas becaus he noed if he coodnt git out the chimbelly that santi claws shore coodnt git into it. him bein fat and all.

i kinda soar on the back of my lap today mistar editar, and maw is to blaim. she cawt me out behind the barn with one of paw's chrismas seegars. yea sea i thawt i wuz old anuff to be a jernalist i wuz old anuff to act like one, but maw wuz different. i told her hadit she nevir herd of freedim of the press but that didnt maik no diffurns to her. she whailed the tar outta me ennyway.

paw has rofe to mistar trumin and told him that he give him his suppoart in this naberhood. he thanks he mite git sum kind of a job outta it. him bein a nude eeler. paw sed if thay is gonna be anothur nude eel he wunts to be one of them fellirs that gets pade fer not razing hawgs. he sed he dont no of nuttin he woud ruthir not do thin not to raze hawgs, espeshullyif he gits pade fer it.

my frend sweebie is in a awfil bad shaip. he et too much chrismas candy and he's lade up in bed sufferin frum a sick stummick.

hoapin you are the saim,
yores troolie,
yore frend,
pete odle



Jewish New Year Is Solemn Rite

Jewish people observe the New Year at a different date and with more religious solemnity than is associated with the Christian New Year.

Rosh Hashana, the name of Jewish New Year's day, may occur anytime between September 5 and October 5. It is one of the highest of Orthodox holy days and opens a period of penitence, prayer and charity which lasts until Yom Kippur, ten days later. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement.

Traditionally, Yom Kippur was set apart as a day of atonement by Moses and elaborate ceremonies solemnized its observance until the offering of sacrifices was abandoned after the destruction of their souls.

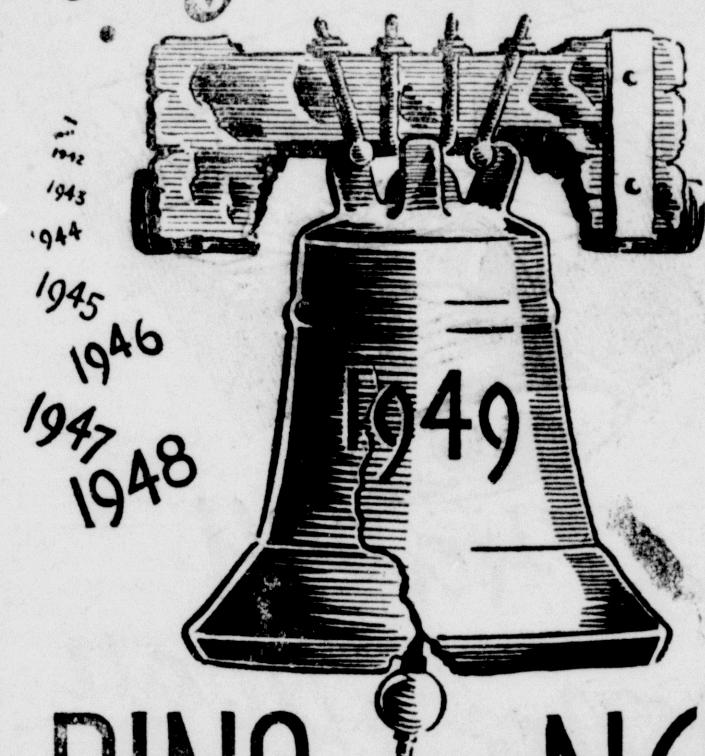
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Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A. D.

In modern times, no other Jewish fast day or festival is as generally and religiously observed. Services in the synagogues begin in the evening of the preceding day and are continuous until sunset on the day itself. The souls of the dead are included in the community of those pardoned on the Day of Atonement, and it is customary for children to have public mention made of their deceased parents and to make charitable gifts on behalf of their souls.

There is, reportedly, a Book of Life wherein the name of every living creature is written. This Book is sealed annually on Yom Kippur. This is the reason for the customary Jewish New Year greeting, "May you be inscribed for a happy New Year."

Carloadings in Area Continue Downward

Carloadings by the Katy and Santa Fe railroads in the midwestern area continued downward during the week just closed, according to reports from the two companies.

For the week ended December 18, 1948, total carloadings were 26,958 as compared with 30,179 for the corresponding week of 1947.

Mrs. W. H. Gilbert spent the Christmas holidays in Seymour as a guest of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Gates and family. She was a guest of Ade Rike in Haskell before returning to Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks of Gorman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal last Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Redus has returned to her home in Hamlin after a visit of several weeks in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simpson and son were guests of relatives in Georgetown Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Arthur Jones is making her home in Hamlin with Mrs. J. E. Rees.

J. E. Patterson spent the Christmas holidays as a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack Creswell of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lee McClain of Wichita Falls spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonner. Mrs. McClain is a sister of Mrs. Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonner, Robert Bonner, Janet Bonner and Mrs. Lee McClain of Wichita Falls were guests of relatives in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cotten of Houston spent Christmas in Hamlin as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cotten.

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

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As we enter another year—the year of 1949—our thoughts go out to those who have been such faithful friends during the past.

For past friendships we are thankful and for future friendships we are hopeful.

May the coming year be 365 days of joy and happiness and prosperity to each of you, and may the close of this new year find all of you thankful for its manifold blessings.

Our resolution for the year of 1949—as always—is that we shall endeavor to merit the confidence of our many customers, and that we shall be to each and everyone in need, a true friend at all times.

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We enter another year hoping that devotion to the welfare of our community has won for us the confidence of a great many people. During 1949 we shall do everything in our power to merit a continuance of that confidence.

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Community Christmas Entertainment Is Held in Celotex Meeting Hall Friday

The annual Christmas entertainment for residents of Celotex and community, was held in the Celotex meeting hall Friday evening, December 24.

The program, in charge of Mrs. Wattle Warnell and Miss Iris Criswell, consisted of the following:

"Welcome," by Jerry Warnell; "He's the One," by Max Cowan; "It Isn't What You Get," by Delores Cowan; "Santa's Mistake," by Eva Wallace; a vocal solo, "Let's Light the Christmas Tree," by Denna Armstrong; "The Proof," by Ruby Campbell; a reading by Patsy Dominey; a piano solo, "Beer Barrel Polka," by Janet Bonner; a reading by Sue Ray; "I Am a Wee Lady," by Minnie Mae Campbell; "Santa's

Miss Wilma Rhoten Is Bride of L. V. Hill

House," by Charles Wayne Green.

Christmas star exercises were given by Frankie Weaver, Mary Sue Warnell, Mary Ann Willbanks, Joe Donald Cowan, Mittie Ann Ray, Joe Lee Loyd, Atha Ray Brown, Joyce Whitley, Victor Criswell, R. M. Weaver, Dwight Wallace, Linnie Johnson and Jiminy Loyd.

Christmas songs were illustrated by Patsy Dunn, Bobby Green, Linda Wallace, W. H. Hallmark, Dewey Martin and Nellie Johnson.

Gifts were brought and exchanged with relatives and friends. O. T. Kelley served as master of ceremonies with the help of Santa Claus and six girls, to help hand out the gifts. Christmas sacks, consisting of fruit, candy and nuts, were given to all children under 12 years of age.

Decoration of the two large trees was done by Herbert Hepper, Jerry Biscoe, Ardene Lockhart, Ted Armstrong, Dick Armstrong, Chas. Early, Sarah Johnson, Bettye Joyce Ray, Neta Green and Iris Criswell.

Dr. W. C. House and his sister, Mrs. Mills, went to Dallas Monday, where they have been guests of relatives. They will return to Hamlin Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Pitzer of Chickasha, Oklahoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cassle during the holidays.

Mrs. Tate May accompanied her son, James Tate, to Dallas Tuesday, where she will spend the remainder of the week. James Tate, who is employed in Louisiana, was a guest in the home of his parents during the Christmas holidays.

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McGaulley News

By PAULINE SMART

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bailey and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Smart were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Smart during the holidays. Pauline Smart was a guest of relatives in Brownfield during Christmas.

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Jones during the holidays were Gloria Novak, Johnnie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Jones, Dorman Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Novak and daughter, Ann, all of Abilene and Mrs. Huey King of Silver Creek, Mississippi.

Bud Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Lee, was a guest of his parents during the holidays. Bud is stationed in Mississippi in the army.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith and daughter, Janice, have been out of town during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Maberry and Marvin Jr., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Maberry in Boerne.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Picqron Jr., have been guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Darden.

Patsy Maberry, Margaret Darden, Jo Ann Hendon, Charlie Wayne Lee and Mary Ann McCollum, all students in college were guests of relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Dean have returned to their home here after a visit with relatives in Dallas.

Guests in the home of Mrs. S. F. Mason and daughter, Gertrude were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Mason of Houston.

Hamlin Schools Will Reopen Mon., Jan. 3

Hamlin's schools, closed for the Christmas-New Year holiday vacation last Wednesday, December 22, will reopen for the full schedule Monday, January 3. I. R. Hutchison, superintendent, said this week.

Many of the teachers and students spent the holiday period visiting relatives and friends in other towns and cities.

Tate May will go to Dallas Thursday, where he will attend the Oregon State-SMU football game in the Cotton Bowl.

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Hayes Family Hosts At Christmas Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hayes were hosts in their home two miles south of Hamlin to a group of relatives for Christmas day dinner.

A turkey dinner was served with the high winds, was confined to grass and weeds in the park and no damage was done, members of the fire department said.

The fire,

which was whipped by the high winds, was confined to grass and weeds in the park and no damage was done, members of the fire department said.

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Johnson and daughters of Lubbock a Mr. and Mrs. Nichols of Abilene were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Fancher.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Miller and daughter, Jerry Ann, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gilbert last Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Leldon Clifton of Imperial are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rector.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hennington are guests of their son in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hennington and family are visiting on the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Beard of Marion were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Williams and daughter of Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Prater are hosts during the holidays to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stephens of Abilene, Mrs. Lena Bell Baker of Ballinger, Mrs. Albert Higgins of Frederick, Oklahoma, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jones of Chicago.

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The past year has been a good one for our community, and for this we are thankful . . . while crops were not as large as in some years, yet there has been ample to provide food and clothing and shelter for all of us. No epidemic has swept its crippling and killing breath across our neighborhood, and health generally has been good. Truly the hand of God has rested in blessing upon us and all of us owe to Him a prayer of thanksgiving as the year of 1948 slips silently behind the curtain of history to be succeeded by the promise of 365 new days. For all of these things, together with the kind cooperation of Hamlin people, The Herald and its employees are thankful, as the clock ticks slowly away the waning hours of this year.

Regardless of the condition of world affairs, and regardless of the apparent threat to world peace by aggressive and warlike nations, we in West Texas can face into the new year with confidence and assurance. We can have confidence in the bounteous production of our lands, and in the ability of our area to help provide a starving and needy world with food and clothing. We can have assurance that regardless of what may come to our land, this part of the great state of Texas will make a substantial contribution to the welfare of the people of the world. We can know that our immediate area is showing promise of returning ever more riches in production to those who till the soil and tend the cattle that roam our lands. We can go forward, united in the common purpose that West Texas shall continue to serve as the world's "bread basket," and that its people shall continue to be devoted to the ideals that have made of America the haven of refuge for the oppressed and the symbol of liberty for the downtrodden.

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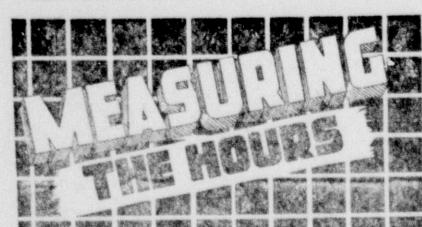
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and this interval could be timed by the sun.

The hourglass was better than the "water-thief" because it was cheaper, it would not freeze or spill and it did not require refilling.

Real, mechanically operated clocks were not constructed until the thirteenth century. The word "clock" has been derived from the French "cloche," which means bell, and probably owes its connection with timekeeping to the custom of ringing bells to announce the passing of the hours.

THE clock has had the privilege of striking midnight and being the first to announce the arrival of the New Year for only about six centuries. Before that, man measured the hours in several different ways.

Primitive man measured the length of a day by the moving shadows which reflected the sun's daily course across the heavens.

The first timepiece was probably a pole and a stone—the pole to cast a shadow and the stone to mark where the shadow fell when the sun was highest.

As man became more accustomed to regulating his activities according to specific intervals of time, he devised the "water-thief," the hourglass, and finally the mechanical clock.

Even the simplest "water-thief" measured time accurately because a regular interval of time passed between the moment it was filled and the moment it became empty—

Net income of the Missouri-Kansas and Texas railroad took a sharp upturn during November 1948, as compared with November 1947. It was reported this week by officials of the company.

During November of the current year the net income was \$624,000 as compared with \$11,000 for November last year.

During the first 11 months of 1948 the road's net income was \$5,808,000 as compared with \$2,257,000 for the first 11 months of last year.



BIG BEN . . . In London, England, the most famous clock in the world annually welcomes the New Year with the booming of its great bell.

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'Open House' Once Marked Holiday

Senior members of the family lament the passing of the "good old day" when New Year's calls were very stylish in America.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was introduced into this country by the Dutch who settled in New Amsterdam and were accustomed to receive their friends who dropped in to offer the compliments of the day. Such calls were very informal, made and received in the spirit of friendship and sociability; refreshments appropriately consisted of homemade snacks and centered around a large bowl of punch, made according to the host's favorite recipe.

The custom grew with the country and, eventually, the nation—or the increasingly populous communities thereof—outgrew the custom. During the latter part of the nineteenth century, it was customary for those who intended to receive their friends and acquaintances to send "at home" notices to the newspapers so that would-be callers might plan accordingly.

The majority of such calls were made in the spirit of friendship and sociability which had given impetus to the custom in the first place. However, human nature being what it is, receptions were often "crashed" by strangers attracted by the prospect of free punch; likewise, hosts and hostesses were frequently embarrassed by guests who, making their seventh or eighth call, arrived in excessively boisterous or mellow moods.

These abuses contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced "open house" and revival of the very informal New Year's call—exchanged only among intimates toasting the New Year around a very private bowl of punch.

EVERY STUDENT NEEDS a Feldco zipper case. We have just received a new shipment of brown cases, with ring binders, to fit your note book work; price only \$1—The Hamlin Herald.



Area War Dead will be Returned for Burial

Next of kin in two communities in the Hamlin area have been notified that the bodies of war dead are being returned to the United States for re-burial under the war department's plan of repatriation of men who lost their lives in the recent conflict.

Mrs. Jerry Mobley of Aspermont has been notified that the body of Pfc. Tyler C. Mobley is en route home, and William A. Rives of Rotan, Route 1, has been notified that the body of Pfc. Alfred R. Rives has been shipped.

The bodies are being returned to

the United States aboard the army transport Barney Kirschbaum. Included in the shipment are 4,384 bodies, of which 216 are from Texas.

VISITS RELATIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith of Hamlin visited with four of Mrs. Smith's brothers during the Christmas holidays, as they met in Lubbock. They were M. M. McReynolds of Lubbock, A. A. McReynolds of Oklahoma City, E. H. McReynolds of Stamford and J. W. McReynolds of Haskell.

Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.—Proverbs 16:27



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Santa Fe Income for 11 Months Is Higher

Net operating income of the Santa Fe Railway system for the first 11 months of 1948 was more than \$16,000,000 in excess of the net income for the first 11 months of 1947, a report issued this week revealed.

During the first 11 months of the current year the net income was reported at \$58,175,986 as compared with \$41,632,703 for the corresponding period of 1947.

OFFICE SUPPLIES at The Herald

THE PUZZLE of THE YEARS

KEEPING accurate track of years has been one of human history's toughest problems. Many a headache and much trouble have dogged those who dared to tackle it.

Seven hundred years before Christ, a smart Roman named Pompilius stayed awake nights figuring out what he thought was a good system. But, alas, he made several mistakes. Within a few hundred years the calendar which he had worked so hard to produce became inaccurate and practically useless.

The man who inherited the resultant confusion of Pompilius' errors was a very busy person by the name of Julius Ceasar. Ceasar called all the best minds of his empire into conference and soon the world was given another calendar.

It only lasted fifteen hundred years or so. Then Pope Gregory XIII tried to straighten out the mistakes in Ceasar's calendar. The result was the Gregorian calendar which we use today.

However, there's trouble ahead. Along about 2500 your many-times great grandchildren will celebrate a New Year that's bound to be troublesome. That's the year our calendars will start getting out of whack.

When calendars go wrong, seasons start arriving on the wrong days and in the wrong months. This happened because calendars aren't properly geared to the sun's movement.

For instance, when Ceasar got stuck with Pompilius' system the calendar and the solar equinoxes were months apart. Pope Gregory went to work on Ceasar's calendar in 1582 when it was lagging ten days behind the sun.

To Pope Gregory we owe the leap-year. In presenting his calendar to the world, the Pope specified that the calendar play leap-frog. As a result, the year 1582 holds all records for losing birthdays. In order to make up the ten days the calendar was behind the sun, the days between October 5 and October 15 were simply skipped—lost forever.

During the evolution of our calendar some strange things have been tried. Once a year was only ten months long, once March was the first month, again January was the first month, and once February was the last.

Scholars still wrestle with the problem of the years. Even today there's agitation for calendar revision. One solution would keep a 12-month year with provision made for the extra day left over from the 52-week year in ordinary years and the two days in leap year.

The extra day in ordinary years would follow December 30 and be known merely as Year day. January 1 would then follow. In leap years, Saturday, June 30, would be followed the next day by another Saturday called Leap day, then Sunday, July 1.

However, it doesn't look as though there'll be any revision during 1949. Most people will be too busy with their own problems this year to worry about 2500 when our calendars won't be much good.

Brazil New Year's A Summer Holiday

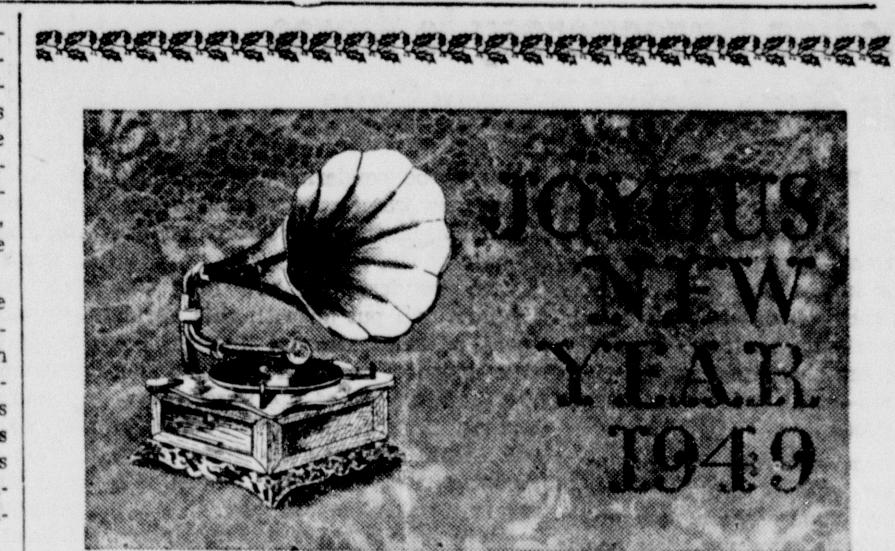
New Year's Day (Dia do Anno Bom) is truly a Red Letter Day in Brazil: in keeping with the hospitality and gaiety universally associated with the observance of New Years, it is the day par excellence for parties, enthusiastic greeting, and general celebration.

Dia do Anno Bom is the 'middle day' of the Brazilian holiday season which begins on Christmas Eve and culminates on Epiphany. Christmas itself does not stand out as it does among the Anglo-Saxons: the colorful and impressive Christmas processions are part of the church festival; in the realm of gift-giving, Epiphany—symbolizing the gifts which the Wise Men brought the Infant Jesus—vies with and even holds a slight edge over Christmas, especially among the Indians.

Since it is really June in January south of the equator, the Christmas season falls in Midsummer instead of during the winter, a fact which has endowed the holidays with

many characteristics of summertime festivals. In many cities religious and civic organizations sponsor open air "festas." These affairs are attended by throngs of people representing all classes of the population, gifts are distributed to underprivileged children, while music, flags, and flowers contribute to the general gaiety and festivity.

In a land where all festivals are endowed with several sets of customs—those assimilated through foreign intercourse, etc., superimposed upon the ancient traditions brought from Portugal—New Year's Day is included in the list of Brazil's national holidays and is appropriately designated as the day of universal brotherhood.



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In the traditional carnival atmosphere of New Year's Eve, we pause at the magic stroke of 12 to turn the leaf on Young Mr. 1949.

For all of you, on this joyous occasion, we wish happiness and prosperity in the coming year.

Rockwell Bros. & Co.

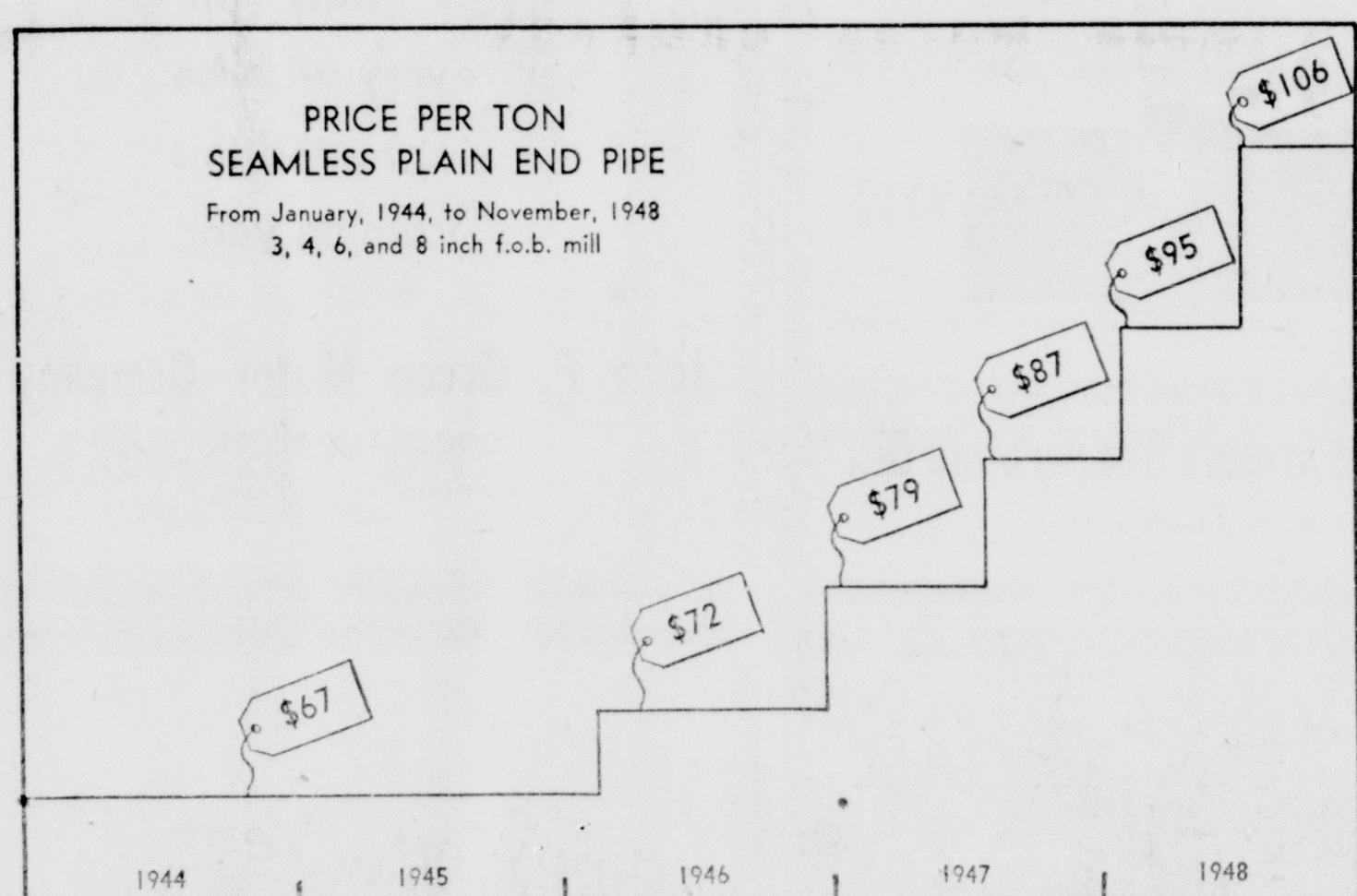
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Canadian Bureaucracy Is Worse Than Ours, Noted Writer Says

By George Peck

Canada, too, has its fair share of "economic planners" who are doing their utmost to propel our northern neighbor into a socialistic economy. Bureaucracy seems to have fastened its paralyzing tentacles even more firmly there than here in the United States—and believe me, that's firm indeed!

American citizens, insofar as I know, are still at liberty to spend their own money where they please and to take it wherever their hearts desire. Not so with Canadians. The Dominion Government, for instance, permits its citizens to take only a few paltry dollars with them when they visit the United States. And further, in order to take out even that pittance, they must have permit, which I am informed involves considerable red tape in the obtaining thereof.

As I have ridden on trains leaving Canada for this country, my heart has bled at the indignities to which our good neighbors are subjected by the inspectors of Canada's Foreign Exchange Control Board. If these inspectors suspect that their victims are carrying more money than the measly sum permitted, they proceed to search them. Oh! Yes, in case

you may be wondering and worrying,

"Is this all the money you have?" "Yes."

"Let me see your wallet," the functionary ordered.

Henry combed, still keeping his temper under control, with some difficulty. The inspector counted the money, found nothing wrong, and, apparently disappointed, handed the wallet back.

He was about to pass on to his next victim when Henry spoke, in a voice loud enough to be heard by everyone in the car.

"Hold on," he said. "You've had that wallet in your hands for quite a while. Now you just wait until I count the money in it."

Henry counted it with care and deliberation while the other passengers grinned. Then he said, "It's all right. You may go."

The inspector spent very little time in questioning the remaining passengers. (End of Printed Word story.)

Before feeling to sorry about the sad plight of our Canadian friends, while congratulating ourselves that we may take into Canada all the money we can tote (with no U. S. permit required and with the blessing of Canada), let's not forget we've had and are having some tough treatment at the hands of our own particular breed of bureaucrats. As a "for instance," do you remember during the war that the slicing of bread was prohibited? No one has ever found out why. That really was bureaucracy working at its bureaucratic worst. Even the Canadian bureaucrats, cuper as much as they will, cannot top that.

Worm Turns.

While on a train bound for New York, Henry was talking to a friend when he was brusquely interrupted by an inspector of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, who demanded how much money Henry was carrying. Henry told him the modest amount.

"Have you your Form H?" asked the snooper.

Henry produced it.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Crawford and family of Texas City were guests of relatives in Hamlin. Rev. Crawford is a former pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Hamlin.

Janet and Robert Bonner are spending the holidays in Sweetwater as guests of relatives.

Guests in the home of Mrs. M. Y. Wilson during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and son, Randy, of Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson of Abilene, Mrs. M. Y. Wilson Jr., of Perryton and Mrs. Marietta Walsh and daughter, Judy, of Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter spent the holidays in Haskell as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Akins.

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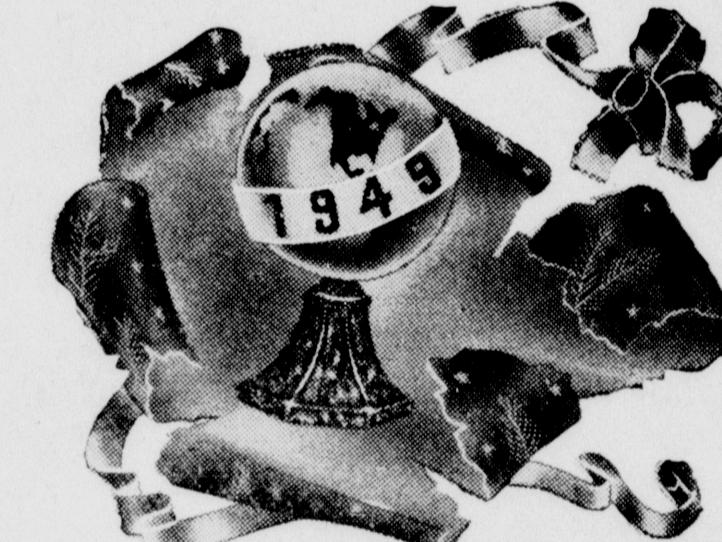


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As the New Year is about to unfold, we greet old friends and new with the wish that 1949 may prove a bountiful and happy year.

To Our Friends and Customers.

MALOUF'S DEPT. STORE

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Hamlin



By CARLE FREEMAN

THE little gift shop was crowded when Nancy entered it, but almost immediately she noticed Larry Bryant. She sensed the usual disturbance at sight of him, and recalling the trend of her thoughts for the past several minutes brought a flush of warmth to her cheeks. She'd been thinking, somewhat resentfully, as she went along the busy streets of the little town, how unfair it was that Christmas had come before she could get acquainted with someone in Daveshire—Larry Bryant, for instance, departmental head at the electric plant where she worked. Christmas wasn't Christmas unless it could be shared with someone.

And now Larry was standing at the dish counter deciding about a pair of little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers. It didn't matter

particularly that he'd buy the shakers—aside from the significance of such an act—but she'd had her own heart set on them more or less for a week. Larry had been in the shop every afternoon that she'd been there, but this was his first time at the dish counter. The little shakers were as good as gone.

The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them. These are the last ones, and they are a bargain at eight dollars. They came all the way from Sweden."

"I know—" Nancy had said, but she had thought they'd be an extravagance and look out of place on the little table in her corner



The other day when she'd looked at them, the sales girl had said, "Better buy them."

kitchenette at Lil Ransom's old

rooming house. Then there'd be no one to admire them—only herself.

"They might be gone the next time you come," the girl had said when Nancy left the counter.

But they'd been there the next time Nancy went back to the little gift shop. Every afternoon for a week they'd been there, as if awaiting for her to make up her mind to buy them.

Nancy held her breath as she watched Larry from a distance. For now she knew that if he didn't take the shakers, she'd buy them herself.

But even as Nancy watched, she saw him hand the shakers to a clerk.

She tried to push her disappointment aside and select an inexpensive little gift for one of her co-workers at the plant. Tomorrow was Christmas Eve, and the employees and officials of the plant had drawn names as part of a gift-giving program they'd planned to have about the huge, gayly decorated tree in the arched entrance.

Nancy dreaded the occasion, more so now than before. She regretted the day she'd left her home town to take a better job in Daveshire. Why hadn't she waited until after Christmas to make the change!

When the time came the next day for the program, Nancy took the gift that was handed to her and slipped from the crowd. She wouldn't be missed, she thought bitterly, as she hurried from the building. Snow fell softly about her in a gentle burst from the dark sky, and the ring of voices from the

plant followed her in a kind of haunting, sad beauty.

Inside her apartment she looked down at the gayly wrapped package in her hands through a blur of tears. It was the only Christmas gift she'd received, and it had been given only because someone had drawn her name.

She unwrapped the package, and suddenly the blur cleared to reveal the little green rabbit salt and pepper shakers with the long, saucy ears—one up and one limping down provocatively.

Her heart thumped in her throat. Larry had drawn her name. But the cost of the gifts they were to exchange was not to go over twenty-five cents!

Lil Ransom called up the stairs. "You're wanted on the phone, and 'tis a man."

Nancy placed the little shakers carefully on the table and turned to the door. The hum of "Silent Night" came from Lil Ransom's radio up the sweep of stairs, and Nancy found herself singing the words softly as she dashed down them, for she knew even before she heard his voice who was waiting for her on the telephone.

Mrs. W. W. Greene has returned from a two-weeks visit in Odessa in the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Taulman. Mrs. Taulman accompanied Mrs. Greene to Hamlin for a brief visit.

VETERANS NEWS

More than a million and a half veterans were treated during fiscal year 1948 under the "home town" medical program, Veterans Administration announced this week.

Treatments averaged three per veteran, according to a VA report showing a total of 4,416,612 treatments by both VA staff doctors and private physicians during the year ending June 30, 1948. Individuals treated numbered 1,626,169.

The private physicians treated 761,165 veterans, cooperating with the VA in a program designed to provide "home town" care for disabilities attributed to wartime service. They were paid \$1,437,739 for 2,735,429 treatments establishing an average charge-per-treatment of \$4.18 and a cost-per-veteran of \$15.03.

VA staff doctors during the year handled 865,004 individual veterans and a total of 1,680,183 treatments. Since these were taken care of in VA outpatient clinics, located in the agency's hospitals and other field installations, no per-patient or per-treatment costs were compiled for this group.

VA's Dallas Branch Area Office, which includes Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, reported 131,524 treatments by private physicians, representing 33,029 individual veterans, at a cost per treatment of \$3.28.



A heartsick daughter weeps over her mother's prostrate form in this touching Speed Graphic picture made a few moments after the victim was struck by a Chicago taxi. Suffering double fracture of the right leg and shock, she died four days later.

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Good Wishes for
1949

May this bright
New Year bring
you all the
things for
which you
have hoped.
We're sure
it will.

it's old
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1949!
Swinging in
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NEW YEAR
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and yours health,
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prosperity in un-
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few more smiles for
all of us as we look
forward to another
year with you...

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Happy
New Year
1949

May your year be
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Greetings
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of a fresh
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Season's



Best
Wishes

Ring out glad bells our
message of good cheer
and good will for you.

NEWBERRY'S Grocery & Market



By JESSIE WEST

AMY looked out at the bright day and was about to decide it was the loveliest New Year's Eve she'd seen in years when she saw Clarabelle Carter crossing the street; and then she thought the day wasn't lovely at all.

She could hear Clarabelle talking to Mille as she had that day in the store when she'd been standing behind shelves lined with groceries deliberately eavesdropping.

"I do declare, it does look like Amy Wells could get someone," Clarabelle had said. "I suppose she'll die an old maid."

Clarabelle hadn't said anything degrading of course. But from that

moment forward, Amy had wondered if people generally didn't assume that old maids just couldn't find any takers.

She took her eyes from the window and Clarabelle going down the street to look at her reflection in the dresser mirror. At almost forty-five, she didn't think she was being egotistical in appraising herself as actually looking thirty-five. She had very little gray in her dark hair, and the faint lines on her face were unnoticeable against the startling blue of her eyes and general prettiness of her features.

There'd been a time when she reigned as the most popular girl at Obane; she'd been pictured in the college year-book as "the girl all men want but only one can have."

Of course Clarabelle and the populace of Donovan, a little town of three thousand, didn't know these things.

Amy looked out the window again,



She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

of the brightness that Clarabelle's presence had blighted, and she got to thinking about a trip that 20 years ago had been scheduled for tomorrow. Memory of the tryst had come to her with the approach of another New Year, but she had not planned to enact a promise that years of separation had cast into youth's frivolous dreaming, disappointments and temperamental pride. Yet, seeing Clarabelle and remembering what she'd said about her somehow filled her with unexpected sentiment.

She had nowhere to go on New Year's day, and thought of the trip suddenly became entrancing. It would be emotionally uplifting to go back to the old haunts, and no one would know of her foolish living just for a day among memories of a past that through her own foolhardy pride, had led her into her present state of lonely maidenhood.

"If anything ever separates us," Lance had said that night long ago, "it'd be just to meet again, sort of a tryst affair, 20 years hence. Maybe in Park Rendezvous where we first met . . ."

They'd talked like that often, then laughed—because they knew they'd never separate. Someday they'd marry. But they didn't marry. Too soon a trivial misunderstanding had risen between them, and she'd had too much pride to admit that she'd been a little wrong, too.

It was almost noon when Amy reached the Park Rendezvous at Obane on New Year's day. She'd have lunch, she decided, then visit about town. But already she was sensing regret for having made the trip. You couldn't live in the past even for a day without returning to the present with greater pain. How well she knew it now!

She was startled when someone stood at her shoulder suddenly.

"Hello," he said. Amy's heart fluttered in recognizing his voice. She looked up. "Why, Lance!" It was all she could manage.

He sat by her at the table and covered her hand with his.

"Looks like we both remembered," he said, chuckling happily. "But, you married, Lance, I heard." She couldn't help saying it.

"That was false news, dear," he said. "Do you think—but you surely know now! I tried to find you, Amy, but I lost all trace of you."

Amy laughed and her cheeks colored. "I wouldn't have come today," she said wistfully, "but for a person named Clarabelle. . . ."

"Clarabelle?"

Amy nodded. "It's a queer little story, Lance," she said, and then she wondered with a little gloating, what Clarabelle, and all of Donovan for that matter, would think when they heard!

IN CALLAN HOSPITAL

Henry Scott of Sylvester and Charles Ferguson Sr. of McCaulley were given medical treatment last week in the Callan Hospital, Rotan.

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New Year
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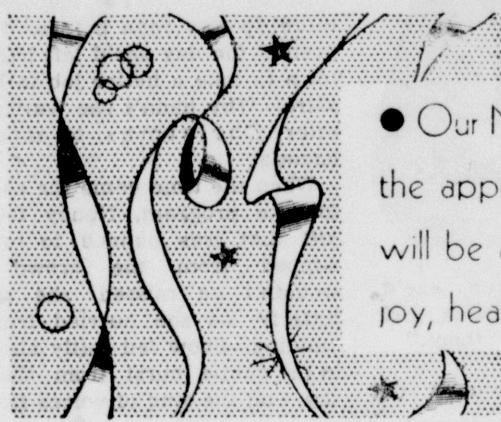
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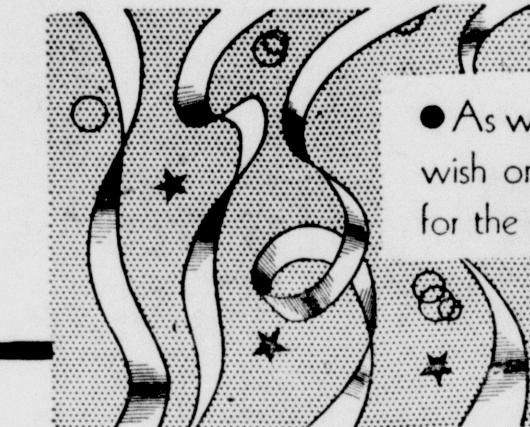
May your mail-box be loaded daily with bundles of good things all through the New Year. That's our wish for all our friends this Happy Holiday Season.



BARROW FURNITURE

to One
and All

- Our New Year's wish is that the approaching twelvemonth will be a saga of contentment, joy, health and good fortune



- As we pause on the threshold of 1949, we wish once again to extend our appreciation for the many favors accorded us in the past.

1949

CROW BROS. Grocery & Market



As the New Year approaches we renew our pledge of devotion to ideals of honest business dealings. We wish every member of this community a most joyous New Year!

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**New Year's Gift
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Most Americans would be perplexed to find a pile of broken crockery on their doorstep New Year's morning. However, it's a time-honored Danish custom to save every dish which comes to grief during the year and hurl it all against the front doors of friends and neighbors on New Year's Eve.

The tossers are supposed to toss and run, but not too fast. Before they get away, the householder is supposed to open the door and invite them in for coffee and doughnuts.

A pile of broken crockery around any Danish threshold on New Year's morning attests the popularity of the householder and is a compliment to his wife's ability to make delicious coffee and tasty doughnuts.

Gift
"A New Year's gift to the world," said the Frost,
"Rich lace curtains which nothing
cost." —C. G. Leland



"YIPPEEE" . . . We sure hope this young 1949 will grow up to be a lot better than the old ne'er-jangler who was named 1948.

**Chinese Pay Debts
On New Year's Eve**

An ancient Chinese tradition demands that all bills be paid on New Year's Eve; anyone who is a debtor on New Year's Day is considered, and considers himself, very much disgraced. Counting-houses hum with activity long after midnight and tradespeople, shielding lighted candles, hurry through the dark streets of residential districts stopping at this door and that door to settle accounts with their customers.

Traditionally, creditors are entitled to their money only so long as their candles remain lighted. Human nature being what it is, we can imagine debtors and creditors have thought of an ingenious way of accidentally extinguishing those candles or keeping them from being extinguished.

The object of punishment is threefold: for just retribution; for the protection of society; for the reformation of the offender.—Tryon Edwards.

**New Year Brings
Joy, Hope, Sadness**

Superstition and curiosity prompted the Anglo-Saxons to climb upon their roofs as the hour of midnight approached on New Year's Eve—it was believed that something might happen when the New Year burst in and everyone wanted to be in a position to see for himself.

Perhaps more of this "something might happen" superstition has survived than is immediately apparent. Almost everyone dreads the thought of being alone on New Year's Eve: if possible, we gather our families and friends around us in our homes. In a more serious mood, an ever-increasing number of persons attend "Watch" services to greet the New Year in prayer and meditation; and there is a universal resolve to "do better" next year. Gathering in public places, in Times Square—or its counterpart—we make as much noise as possible—presumably because our primitive ancestors utilized noise as an expression of celebration, believing the din would keep evil spirits and influences at a distance.

Joyous New Year Bells.

The New Year bells have ceased to toll for the dying year and now welcome the New Year with joyous peals symbolic of the hope with which mankind looks forward to a brighter future and a better world, but the nostalgic strains of Auld Lang Syne have become so intrinsically a part of our New Year's Eve that even the very gayest gatherings would be incomplete without it.

Indeed, we stand before the New Year with mingled sentiments, not wholly unlike the child of Longfellow's sonnet:

Half willing, half reluctant to be led,
And leave his broken playthings on the floor,
Still gazing at them through the open door
Nor wholly reassured and comforted
By promises of others in their stead,
Which, though more splendid, may not please him more."

IN ROBY HOSPITAL
Mrs. Silberter Ramon of Hamlin underwent surgery in the Fisher County Hospital, Roby, last week. Mrs. J. P. Maberry of Sylvester was given medical treatment in the Roby hospital last week.



This is the time old
friends meet, so we're
in line to wish you well.

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Here's wishing that the
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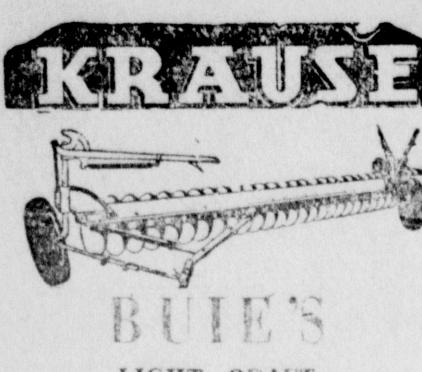


Hello, World! Young Mr. 1949 once
again broadcasts his tidings of a new
day aborning to a worn and weary
world. Another year; another and
much brighter page!

For you and yours, we reiterate his hope
that the New Year will prove better and
more fruitful than the old. May new faith
and new courage be yours as you turn a
new page in the journey through life, and
may all your wishes be fulfilled!

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Six New Year's days in a year? Certainly—absurd as it sounds it's true. Here they are:

1. January 1.
2. In that part of the Occident wherein the Greek Orthodox faith prevails January 1 falls upon our January 13.

3. A traditional Chinese New Year's celebration starts February 8 and lasts to February 13.

4. If you happened in on the country of Siam, April 1, you'd find a great ceremonial festivity underway—nothing less, in fact, than New Year's.

5. In Arabia, the Mohammedan New Year's is celebrated September 1.

6. September 10 is New Year's in the ancient country of Abyssinia.

New Year's day has been observed for the last 500 years. Nearly everywhere and at all periods it has been a day of rejoicing.

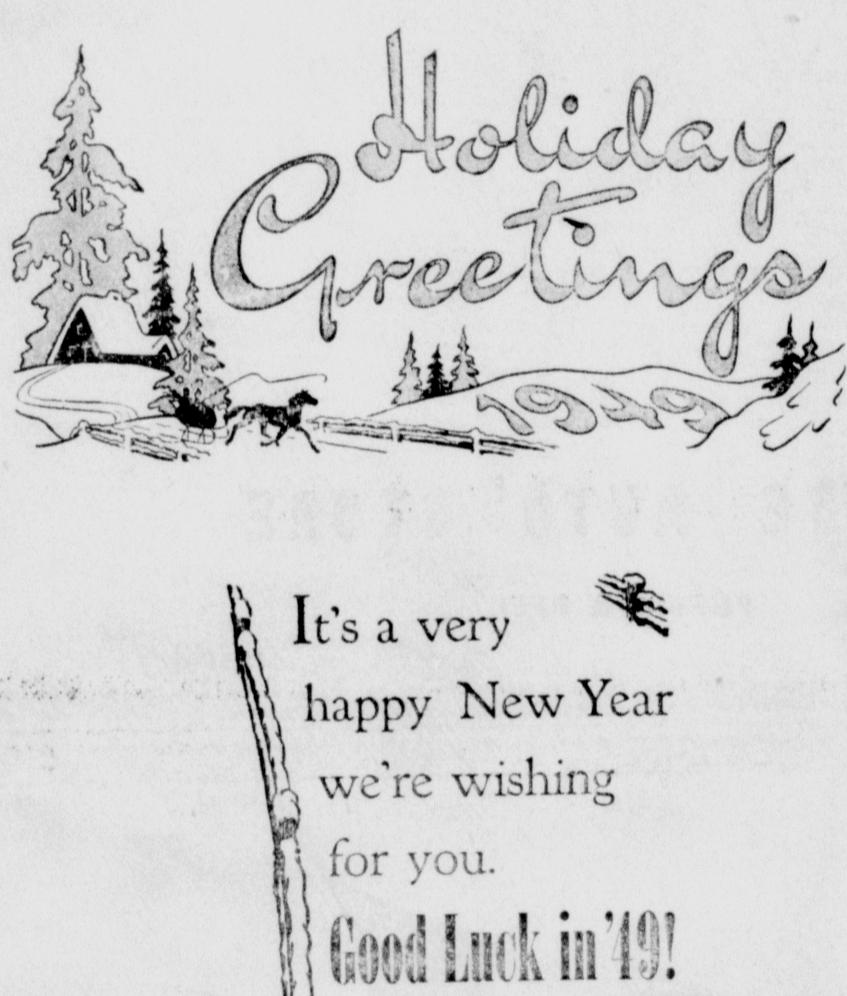
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Danger From Pneumonia Is Cited by Health Officer; Simple Rules Given

A statement from Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, discloses the fact that 2,531 Texans died from pneumonia during the year 1947, and emphasizes the often repeated warning that this disease is a killer.

Pneumonia is caused by the pneumococcus germ which is present in the bodies of almost everyone, and ready to start trouble if the resistance becomes lowered for any reason. We can build up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go outside in cold weather, sufficient clothing should be worn to keep the body warm. Keeping the temperature of our homes and offices as low

as is consistent with comfort will greatly lessen the difficulties encountered in adjusting ourselves to the cold when we leave the house.

Another method of prevention in pneumonia is to never neglect a cold, for the common cold often opens the door for pneumonia if it is neglected.

A person with a severe cold should stay at home and call his physician for advice, if temperature persists and the cold lingers on. He should follow his physician's advice until the cold has entirely disappeared.

Another advantage of consulting a physician when suffering from a cold is the fact that when the patient mistakes for a severe cold may

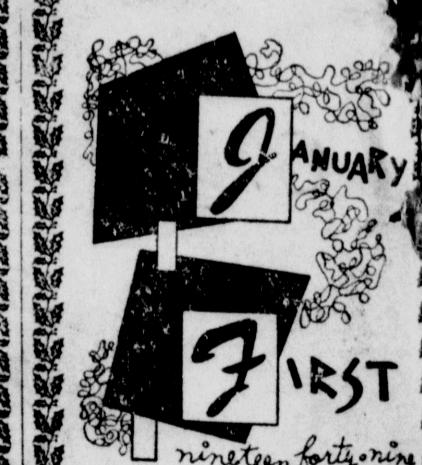


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The old year is breathing out its last hours in a hush of expectancy.

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THE BOOK SHOP

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Mrs. B. M. Brundage, Mrs. Albert Chandler, Frankie Sue Madden

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The Herald Publishes Forecast of Roger W. Babson for New Year

In this issue of The Hamlin Herald will be found the forecast of things to come during 1949, written by Roger W. Babson, noted authority on economics, business and political affairs.

During the past several years, since Babson has been issuing his forecasts, he has achieved a record of better than 90 per cent accuracy in his predictions.

As an example at the beginning of 1948 Babson wrote that there would be no World War III during that year. He predicted that "due to the juggling of the price controversy Mr. Truman has a fair chance of re-election."

Another of his remarkably accurate predictions was that the Dow-Jones Industrial Averages would fluctuate between an upper ceiling of around 185 and a floor of around 156, and that commodity speculation would be curbed.

All of his predictions as given above came to pass.

American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born in 1875, reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and bustle on a farm in Gloucester, Mr. Babson went to the Massachu-

Officers Named For Loan Group In Anson Meet

Officers for 1949 were named at a meeting of the Jones County National Farm Loan association held in the county court room in Anson last Monday night.

Officers named at a meeting of the board of directors were D. W. Crumpler, Anson, president; Joe L. Culbertson, Hamlin, vice president; Joe Breed, Anson, secretary-treasurer.

Other directors of the association are L. H. McBride, Hamlin and R. B. Bule and C. F. Upshaw, Stamford.

More than 60 persons attended the stockholders meeting which was conducted immediately preceding the election of officers. Forty-five stockholders were present, and others who attended were members of the Anson vocational agriculture class.

Joe Breed, secretary-treasurer, gave a report of the association's operations for the past year, and indicated that the organization had completed a successful year.

Interest dividend was paid, ars. Breed reported, and loans made during 1948 in an excellent condition.

It was reported that the association is prepared to extend loans to farmers and ranchers during the coming year through the facilities of the Federal Land Bank, and no increase has been made in interest rates.

Hamlin People Get Happiness From Distributing Food at Christmas.

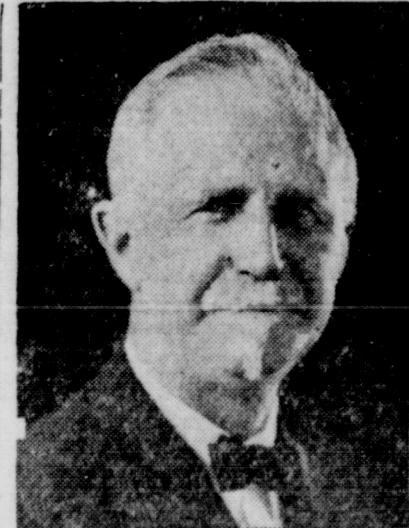
Many expressions of happiness were made by those who had charge of the distribution of food, toys and candy to Hamlin's needy families at Christmastime.

The distribution was made last Friday afternoon by members of the Volunteer Fire Department and the Hamlin Post 6014 of Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Cost of the merchandise and toys was paid by contributions made by the fire department, VFW, Lions Club, Rotary Club and a few individuals from people who wanted to share in the Christmas giving.

The gifts were placed on two trucks, and led by the fire truck, driven by Chief Mickey McGuire, araded down Hamlin streets before beginning the distribution to families in need. Santa Claus was riding on a large red truck owned by Carl Johnson. The Shell Oil Company truck was used to carry food families outside the Hamlin city limits.

One of the those in charge of dis-



Dr. Rister Gave Preview of Book On S'west Oil

Dr. Carl Rister, professor of history in Oklahoma University at Norman, and nationally known as an author, gave a brief review of a forthcoming book to members of the Hamlin Lions Club at their noon meeting Tuesday.

Rister, who grew to manhood at McCauley and was graduated from high school there, is also a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University. He has been on the faculty of Oklahoma University for several years.

The book Dr. Rister has written will be a history of oil in the southwest, and will include much information of value to persons interested in oil field development.

Rister has traveled more than 35,000 miles in compiling data for the book, he told the club, and has visited most of the major oil fields in Texas and other states of the southwest.

"However," he said, "it would have been a physical impossibility to have visited all of the oil fields. There are more than 2,000 producing fields in the state of Texas alone, and countless others in other adjoining states."

Rister pointed out that the United States is supplying more than 75 per cent of all the oil produced in the world today, and the southwestern area is supplying 72 per cent of the nation's production. Texas, he said, is supplying approximately 50 per cent of the nation's oil.

Rister, with relatives and friends from Hamlin visited the new Hamlin oil field in the Round Top area and said he is impressed with the potentialities of the local field.

"Hamlin can easily double in size within the next 24 months," he said, "if the citizens will get behind this oil development, and if the chamber of commerce is aggressive in getting new businesses and industries here."

The speaker said geologists now estimate that the United States has sufficient oil reserves for 400 years at the present rate of consumption.

Jackson Purchases Benshausen Store

The entire stock and fixtures of the Herbert Benshausen grocery store was purchased last week by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Jackson, who have been operating Jackson's Grocery and Market.

The Jacksons moved their stock of groceries and their fixtures into the Benshausen location and are now operating the combined stores.

Benshausen, who has operated a store here for the past two years will leave here for his wife's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson came here during the past summer from Lubbock.

Navy Van to Exhibit Trophies in Hamlin

Exhibition of war trophies taken by the Navy will be made in Hamlin Sunday afternoon, January 16, it was announced this week by Chief Barney C. Hall of Abilene, navy recruiter.

The exhibition will be contained in a huge van which is touring the country in the interest of recruiting, Hall said. The van will be parked on the street near the City Drug Store from noon until 6:00 o'clock, Hall said.

Started in New York City, the van will tour the entire country before being taken from the road.

Bank, Post Office, Some Stores to Close

The Farmers & Merchants National Bank, the post office and several Hamlin business establishments will be closed all day Saturday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day.

While New Year is not observed generally by Hamlin business houses, some of them have indicated that they will not be open on that day. There will be no delivery or mail to rural route patrons during the day. The Hamlin Herald will be closed in observance of the holiday.

Representatives of the clubs which participated in the Christmas giving have stated that it is planned to make the gifts a yearly custom in Hamlin.

W. L. Boyd was called to Trenton Christmas eve to be at the bedside of his sister, Mrs. E. Howell, who died that evening. Funeral rites were conducted Christmas day.



SENSATIONAL PUMPKIN . . . A newspaper reporter, Wilson Auld, points to the small, hollowed-out pumpkin where Whittaker Chambers hid microfilm capsules on a Maryland farm. The house un-American activities committee has declared that the bunch of microfilm, found in the pumpkin, is evidence that government secrets have been "fed out of the state department."

Debt Fund for Hospital Now Totals \$2,801; Late Contributors Listed

A total of \$2,801.32 in cash contributions to the Hamlin Memorial Hospital debt fund had been reported prior to Tuesday noon, according to J. E. Patterson, business manager of the institution.

The fund is expected yet to reach the \$3,000 mark, Patterson said. Several gifts have not yet been reported and other people have not yet been solicited, he said.

The drive was opened several weeks ago when directors of the hospital hoped to raise \$15,000 with which to pay existing and pressing indebtedness in an effort to put the hospital on a self-sustaining basis.

Additional contributions to the fund, since the last list was published, were announced Tuesday by Patterson, as follows:

Lions Club: Viola Johnson \$1; Fred C. Smith \$25; Clarence C. Bailey \$5; C. L. Meyer \$5; Earl Johnson \$5; A. R. Posey \$5; J. C. Harvey \$5; Clotta Mae Tegart \$5; Mrs. John Linsky \$2.50; Evelyn Fudge \$1; Rockwell Bros. \$50; miscellaneous \$19.

Rotary Club: Miss Lulan Vaughn \$100; Flat Top District: E. C. Davis \$25; Dudley Lewis \$25. Order of Eastern Star \$50.

Piggly Wiggly \$14.37; Calvary Baptist Church \$15; R. W. Hudson \$5; L. Stone \$2; D. L. Bristow \$20; J. E. eBard \$25; George D. Raney \$5; W. E. Newsom \$5; J. H. Hargrove \$1; Dena Sharer \$1; J. H. Morton \$10; Woody Scott \$5; Tuxedo Church of Christ \$3; J. Ubben \$30.

Neinda District: John R. Brown \$10; J. E. Brown \$10; K. R. Faulkner \$10; W. P. Westmoreland \$10; Einer Joiner \$10; J. B. Westmoreland \$10; E. W. Ueckert \$5; A. M. Dowdy \$5; Jim Young \$10;

Funeral rites for Mrs. Sarah Bunch Leslie, long-time resident of Hamlin, were conducted at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church, with Rev. W. W. Priddy of Haskell and Rev. Oscar Byrd of near Lamesa in charge.

Mrs. Leslie died in the Hamlin Memorial Hospital Tuesday, following an illness of more than two years. She had been seriously ill for the past few weeks.

Born in Lexington, March 11, 1869, her maiden name was Sarah Bunch Dickson. She grew to womanhood in that vicinity and was married there in 1887 to I. L. Daniels.

Three children were born to her marriage, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Mattie L. Meeks of Hamlin, J. T. Daniels of Houston and Jack Daniels of Houston.

Following the death of her first husband, she was married in 1894, S. B. Leslie, and four children were born, all of whom survive. They are Mrs. Maggie Bonds of El Dorado, J. E. Leslie and J. P. Leslie of Lubbock and Mrs. Opal Meeks of Abilene.

Mrs. Leslie's husband died in 1918, and shortly afterward she moved to Hamlin to make her home. She had been a resident here for 30 years at the time of her death.

Mrs. Leslie was a member of the Nettie Benson Baptist Church in Lubbock.

Burial was in the East Cemetery directed by Barrow Funeral Home.

CORRECTION!

The Hamlin Herald regrets an error that was made in a news story in last week's paper. The story concerning prizes given for best decorated yards and homes should have read: Mrs. Luther Marrs, first place, instead of Mrs. Luther Morris. The Herald offers apologies for the inadvertent changing of the name of Mrs. Marrs.

Guests in the W. R. Redus home during the holidays were Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Lorenz of Omaha, Nebraska. They returned to their home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thurman and son, Britt, of Anson were guests Saturday and Sunday of Mrs. Thurman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Albritton in Hamlin.

Neinda Road Will Be Constructed

\$187,000 to Be Spent in County, State Highway Commission Says; FM Roads Set

Jones County farm-to-market roads will be given a total of \$187,000 worth of construction early in the new year, the state highway department announced Monday of this week.

Included in the roads that are approved for improvement is the road from Neinda to State Highway No. 33 at Hawley southeast to county road, a distance of approximately 5.5 miles; from farm-to-market road No. 142, east to Shackelford County line, a distance of approximately 2.5 miles.

Construction on the projects designated depend upon concurrence of the Public Roads Administration, a federal agency, and upon furnishing to the state without cost by the county, all right of way.

Smith said these conditions are mere formalities usually, and it is expected that work on the projects will get underway as soon as specifications can be prepared.

Final Rites for Dr. L. P. McCrary Held in Clyde

Funeral services for Dr. L. P. McCrary, former Hamlin physician, were conducted in the First Methodist Church at Clyde at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Rites were in charge of the Rev. Dennis Egger, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Clyde, assisted by Rev. Dan Jones, Hamlin minister.

Dr. McCrary died in the Callahan County Hospital in Baird early Tuesday after having been stricken with a heart attack Monday evening in his home.

He was born November 21, 1874 in Robertson County, where he grew to manhood. After completing local schools, Dr. McCrary attended Barnes University School of Medicine in St. Louis, from which he was graduated in 1907.

Shortly after receiving his medical degree Dr. McCrary began specializing in eye, nose and throat treatment. He moved to Hamlin in 1915 where he continued his practice for 26 years.

In 1941 Dr. McCrary retired from his practice and moved to Clyde to make his home.

McCrary is survived by his widow, the former Miss Marie Branscum, and two children by a former marriage, Dr. J. W. McCrary and a daughter, Mrs. A. M. Rhodes of Tulsa; two brothers Joe McCrary of Tulsa and John McCrary of Dallas; and one sister, Mrs. Lon Sloan of Weller.

A number of Hamlin people attended funeral rites for the former resident Wednesday.

Burial was in the Clyde Cemetery.

Oil Activities In Hamlin Field Quiet for Week

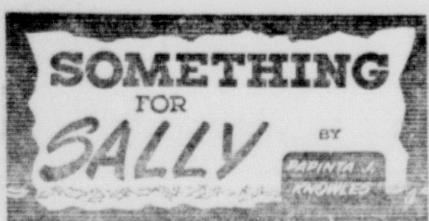
Activities in the Round Top area of the Hamlin oil field were quiet during the Christmas holidays, and reports of drilling were meager as the new week opened.

Several wells in the field were drilling ahead, however, by the middle of the week and reports were that pay zones are expected to be tapped within the next few days.

Meanwhile local business men and those interested in oil production were planning for an expected heavy increase in production from the field as new well locations were being talked and prospects for extending the production zone seemed excellent.

Wells that were drilling ahead after the pause for Christmas are General Crude, Flores No. 4, Ellis Hall, G. A. Poe, No. 4, the Texas Co., Stephens Estate No. 1, the J. B. Terrell No. 3, the A. G. Griffin Estate No. 1, and the Sterling No. 3.

Another test that is drilling this week is the C. L. Nosworth well on the Cleo Shell tract. Spudded in last week, one and one-half miles west of Royston the test will go to the Ellenburger.



'Pin Money' Began As New Year Gift

'Pin money' is a New Year's expression.

It all started back in the time of the royal Stuarts of England when gift-giving on New Year's day was in fashion. Gloves were considered appropriate gifts for most people, but if a gentleman had saved a little "extra," he gave the money to his wife or sweetheart for pins which were very expensive at that time.

The popular 'pin money' phrase in our language has survived both the expensive pin and the New Year gift-giving custom.

IT WAS enough to put a fellow in a morbid state of mind. Last Christmas he'd thought, when he gave Sally the inexpensive little china dinner set, next Christmas I'll give her something really nice. Something she can wear and enjoy. Something expensive. It'll be practical to fit our Christmas budget, because by then I'll be making more. The tide was bound to turn by next Christmas.

Well, it had turned all right. Fate could have been less callous in the direction to which it had turned the tide. It was even worse this Christmas than it was last. At least Sally



Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted.

wasn't out making the living and he, a big hulk of a man, staying home.

The doctor had said he'd overcome the heart condition with prolonged rest.

People were talking. Bill knew. He'd been standing near the living room door the other day when he'd heard Kate Tyler, their neighbor, talking to Sally in the kitchen.

"Well, it just looks a shame that you, such a frail little thing, must work. Bill looks the picture of health. He weighs something near one hundred eighty pounds, doesn't he, Sally?" Kate said, and Bill had visioned with burning resentment her sharp, in-everybody's-business nose twitch with inquisitiveness.

Bill visioned too, Sally's pretty proud head lift when her voice had come in quick sensitive rebellion, "I believe it's my affair about work-

ing. I really don't need to work. We have plenty saved up to take us through until Bill is able to go back on his job. I'm working because I want to."

He'd felt like a cad. There wasn't another guy in the whole universe had a wife like Sally, who through her loyalty would even tell a falsehood. Sally didn't deserve the hardship he was giving her. And now with Christmas upon them and no money of his own, unless he sold his best suit to the re-sale shop down the street, he felt it would be even better for his old heart to quit tickling than to face it and have Sally say, "Oh, you didn't need to give anything, Bill. All I want is you! We'll have a real Christmas when you get well."

Bill put on his overcoat, hat and galoshes. It was about time to meet Sally coming home from work.

Cold rain interspersed the snow and already the highway in front of their place was getting coated with ice. Cars moved along cautiously.

Their neighbor's boy, Pike, eleven, slid by him on a sled. "Whee-e-e, watch me, Mister Bill!"

Bill looked up from his overcoat collar. "Hey, be careful!" he shouted and went into action with a leap when he saw the sled carrying the boy from the sidewalk into the direction of an approaching car up the highway.

It all happened in a flash. If Bill hadn't been gigantic in size, muscular and agile with youth, he couldn't have saved the boy. "Man, Pike," he panted, standing over him on the sidewalk, "don't play along the street!"

"Aw, I could've made it, Mister Bill." Pike said, and dashed back up the street with his sled.

A large man emerged hurriedly from the big car on the side of the pavement and came up to Bill.

"Thanks, fellow! Say," he said, mopping his forehead, "that was a

Beta Theta Sorority Had Christmas Party

Members of the Beta Theta sorority were entertained with a Christmas party in the home of Mrs. Austin Poe director, last week.

Each member brought a tray which were to be donated to the Department for distribution to needy families.

Light furnished entertainment during the evening and gifts were exchanged by the members.

Light refreshments were served to Mrs. Joe Douglas, Mrs. Jack Russell, Mrs. Pat Melow, Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mrs. Jesse Burditt, Mrs. Don Hymer, Mrs. Kenneth Parker, Mrs. Perry Sparks, Mrs. Johnny Bryant, Mrs. W. T. Johnson, Mrs. O. T. Kelly, Mrs. Katheryn Lancaster, Mrs. Austin Poe, Mrs. Clifford Reynolds Jr., Mrs. Stanley Carmichael and a guest Mrs. C. F. Butcher of Odessa.

Former Anson Banker Dies in Fort Worth

Funeral services were conducted at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon in the First Baptist Church of Anson for Charles Henry Steele, 82, former Anson banker.

Steele died in a Fort Worth hospital early Tuesday following an extended illness.

He came to Anson in 1890 where he entered the practice of law. He served as county attorney for Jones

close call! You certainly used your head."

"I snatched him in time," Bill said.

The man pulled out his wallet, "Here," he said, holding a crisp bill toward Bill. "Take this, fellow."

"But I don't want money for what I did," Bill protested, starting to back away.

The man pushed the money into Bill's hand. "I'd pay a thousand or more to escape what might have happened just now. Think what Christmas would have been for me if it had happened, to say nothing of the kid's parents. Thanks again, fellow—and Merry Christmas!"

He was gone before Bill could do anything.

Bill looked down at the money in his hand. Well, if he felt that way about it. But one hundred dollars...

He looked up then and saw Sally trudging toward him through the snow and a happy, secretive smile curved his lips suddenly. He slipped the money into his billfold and went to meet her.



WELCOME '49 . . . There's a lull in the party. Everybody waits and watches the clock. Then it arrives—1949 at last! Here's a candle for the New Year. May it be the brightest, happiest yet.

County and later as district attorney in the old 39th district court.

In 1901 Steele bought a private bank in Anson and organized it into the First National Bank. He served as president of the institution until 1916, when he moved to Fort

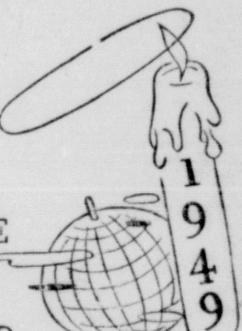
Worth to become vice president of a bank there.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Lovett of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker of Sweetwater were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ritchey and daughter, Katheryn, last weekend.

F. S. Holton of New Orleans spent the holidays here with Mrs. Holton and their son, Tommie. Holton is a student in New Orleans.

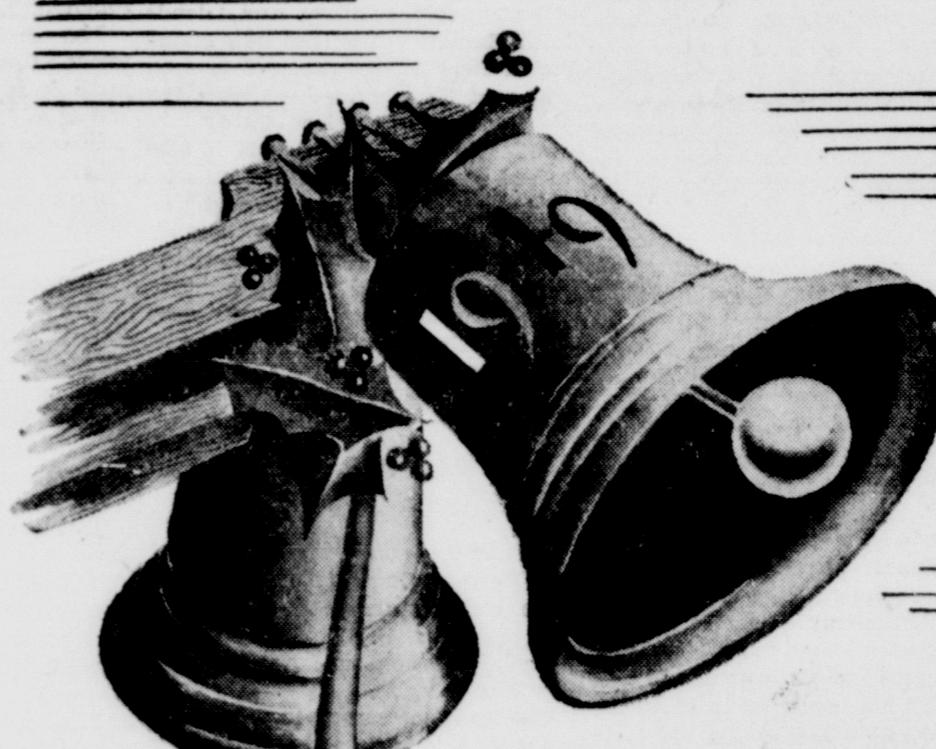
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HUNT'S Fruit Cocktail 13¢	Oxydol, Tide, Vel 33¢
FAMOUS STAR Blackberries 25¢	DOLE'S Pineapple Juice 25¢
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Freedom Is Not Free, Writer Claims As He Discusses Cost of Liberty

By Maurice R. Franks

In speaking of free enterprise, too few of us seem to realize its significance, what it stands for, how it came about and what it means to our American way of life. A poll was taken on this subject a few years ago to determine the attitude of the man in the street towards free enterprise. The poll disclosed some interesting opinions. Few participants understood the real meaning of this system. Some of the answers were so vague as to be practically blank; others were downright ludicrous. When one man was asked what he thought of free enterprise, he replied with that well-known dumb, astonished look, "They ought to put a tax on it." Another, when questioned, retorted, "If it's free, it can't be any good."

By and large, we Americans, who have so greatly benefited by this system, have become so accustomed to it that we take it completely for granted and make the simple assumption that it always was and always will be with us.

But free enterprise is not always here and, if certain forces have their way, it is slated for an early demise. The Socialists and Communists do not believe in free enterprise as we Americans know it and, whether they be pink or red, are leaving no stone unturned to discredit it and deliver it onto the junk heap in exchange for a system of state control, similar to that in effect in Soviet Russia and her satellite nations. This, if nothing else, should remind us that freedom of enterprise, like our other basic freedoms, does not contain the germ of its own immortality. The blood and sweat which brought it into being cry aloud for eternal vigilance.

We Americans proudly boast—and truly, too—that we are the greatest nation on earth. But I wonder how many of us have taken time out to discover why we can claim such stature. Well, one of the chief reasons for our national greatness is in our adherence to the system of free enterprise—the system which, through its natural creation of initiative, profit has produced the greatest initiative yet known to man. Under this particular economy, the cost of the best for the least is made available, with the result that Americans are conspicuously well off compared to the citizens of

STORE JOINS C.C.
The Hunter Style Shoppe successor to the Thomas Style Shoppe, has joined the Hamlin Chamber of Commerce and will participate in the weekly trades program, Mrs. E. M. Wilson, secretary of the chamber of commerce, said Tuesday.

paying the expenses of the last sickness and burial.

Q—My son was killed on action during World War II. Am I entitled to compensation?

A—You are entitled to compensation, provided dependency can be shown. Dependency will be held to exist if you do not have sufficient income to provide reasonable maintenance for your self and your family.

Q—While in the Army, I had a dependency allowance for my mother. I am now attending school under Public Law 346. Is it necessary for me to re-establish dependency of my mother?

A—Yes. For further details, contact your local Veterans Administration office.

Q—Under what circumstances is now necessary for me to take a physical examination in order to reinstate my National Service Life Insurance Policy?

Q—It is necessary to take a physical examination in order to reinstate National Service Life Insurance in every case where the insurance has lapsed for more than three months.

Q—I intend to enter school under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act in January of this coming year. When should I apply for my Certificate of Eligibility?

A—If you wish to enter training under Public Law 346, you should apply for your Certificate of Eligibility at least 30 days before the enrollment date.

Q—May I transfer my National Service Life Insurance policy to any of the private companies?

A—No. Your NSLI is convertible only to one or more of the six permanent plans issued by Veterans Administration. These are Ordinary Life, 30-Payment Life, 20-Payment Life, 20-Year Endowment, Endowment at age 60, and Endowment at age 65.

Q—I served in the U. S. Army during World War I. Am I eligible for Government Life Insurance?

A—As a veteran of World War I, you are eligible to apply for up to \$10,000 of U. S. Government Life Insurance. It does not matter whether you took out such insurance while you were in the service or have let it lapse.

Veterans' News

The questions and answers below about veteran problems are carried as a service to former service connected personnel by The Herald. Material for the column is supplied by the area office of the Veterans Administration at Lubbock.

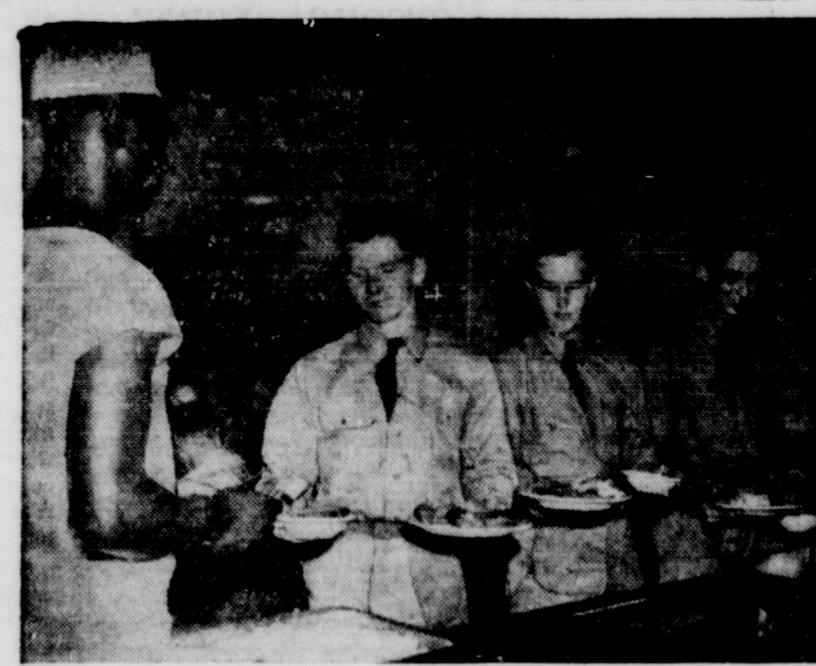
QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q—Are the widower and children of a woman veteran entitled to pension at her death?

A—Under present laws, a widow is not entitled, but surviving children may be entitled to pension.

Q—May pension or compensation payments, according to a veteran and unpaid at the time of his death, be awarded to the widow, children or dependent parents?

A—Yes, in the order named. If it is not paid to one of these persons, it may be payable to the person



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Blackeye Peas	Thrift Fresh	15-Oz. Can	10¢
Peaches Highway Sliced or Halves, Y. C.	No. 21/2 Can	25¢	
Brazil Nuts	Cello Pack	1-Lb. Pkg.	25¢
Eggs Morning Star Mixed Colors	Doz.	63¢	
Ginger Ale Snowy Peak (Plus Dept.)	2 32-Oz. Cols.	23¢	

Blackberries Walco No. 2 Can 23¢

Pineapple Juice Libby No. 2 Can 17¢

Tomato Juice Taste Tells No. 2 Can 10¢

Pork & Beans Std. 3 15 1/2-Oz. Cans 25¢

Cherub Milk 3 Taffy Cans 39¢

Airway Coffee 1-Lb. Pkg. 40¢

Nob Hill Coffee 2 1-Lb. Pkgs. 87¢

Edwards Coffee Top Quality 1-Lb. Can 47¢

Chocolates Sunshine Assorted 1-Lb. Box 59¢

Syrup Sleepy Hollow Rich in Maple 12-Oz. Bott. 22¢

Whole Pickles American Sour or Dill 22-Oz. Jar 23¢

Fresh Eggs Twelve Grand Mixed Sizes & Colors Doz. 57¢

Bread Mrs. Wright's Extra Tender 24-Oz. Loaf 18¢

Flour Kitchen Craft Top Quality 5 Lbs. Bag 49¢

Flour Gold Medal Kitchen Tested 10 Lbs. Bag 87¢

Corn Meal Premium 5 1-Lb. Pkg. 33¢

Margarine Plain 1-Lb. Pkg. 29¢

Margarine Colored 1-Lb. Pkg. 41¢

Shortening Royal Satin 3-Lb. Can 99¢

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Grapefruit Texas Seedless 8 Lbs. Bag 29¢

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Texas Yams 1 Lb. 10¢

Pascal Celery 1 Lb. 8¢

Oranges Texas Juicy 8 Lbs. Bag 33¢

Carrots Tops Clip 1 Lb. 9¢

Cucumbers Green Tender 1 Lb. 12¢

Lettuce California Crisp, Firm 1 Lb. 10¢

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Classified Ads

● For Sale

FOR SALE—Record player.—See Dr. McCrary. 5-tfc

FOR SALE—Practically new Perfection coal oil cook stove.—See Mrs. C. B. Phenix. 9-2p

FOR SALE—Gas table-top range.—Mrs. Bennie Ford, phone 254, Hamlin. 1p

FOR SALE—Seven room house with bath; furnished. All hard wood floors. Across from Elementary School.—See W. Wallace or call 439. 50-tfc

FOR SALE—Three late model Jeeps.—See Bandeen Motor Company, Stamford. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—Used portable washer, also evening wrap worn one time.—Contact trailer house at Frank Williams' home. 8-2p

FOR SALE—1938 Plymouth 2-door Dodge motor; reasonable.—Dr. J. W. McCrary. 52-tfc

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

FOR SALE—My home and small laundry. Call 394 anytime.—Mrs. Minnie McNeely. 2-tfc

FOR SALE—20x40 building; nearly new.—Located nine miles southeast.—Contact Elmer D. Rogers, Hamlin. 7-4p

FOR SALE—Bargains in used gas heating stoves; from \$2 up.—Car-michael Tractor Co. 8-tfc

● For Rent

FOR RENT—Two 3-room houses, 1 with gas, lights and water in house; 1 with water, lights in house; 1 trailer house. Will move it in any part of town. We have moved our 3-minute picture machine home. Will make your picture any time. Come over.—M. L. Moore, across highway from Carlton's Blacksmith Shop. 9-2p

FOR RENT—Five-room modern apartment.—Inquire Hamlin Motor Company. 9-2c

FOR RENT—Building now occupied by Lewis Wheat & Son; good location. Will be for rent about January 1. Also storage space in brick warehouse.—Wilson Hardware. 6-tfc

FOR RENT—Magnetic vacuum cleaner, all attachments, \$1 per day.—White Auto Store. 3tfc

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AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

FOR RENT—Small apartment house, unfurnished.—See Frances Fannin or phone 240. 51-tfc

FOR RENT—Electric paint spray gun by the hour or by the job.—White's Auto Store. 1-tfc

● Wanted

WORK WANTED—Cemetery curbing. See or write J. B. Smith, Anson, Texas or contact M. L. Haught, Hamlin, Texas. 6-4p

WANTED—Nicely furnished house or apartment. Couple references furnished.—Call 208. 8-2p

AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

ONLY GENUINE Maytag parts for sale by Bryant-Link Co., Hamlin. 13tfc

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AUTO LOANS—On your car or to buy a new car.—Hamlin Motor Company. 50-tfc

WANTED—Water well drilling.—George Sublett, Merkel, Texas, call 222. 7-3p

● Cards of Thanks

CARD OF THANKS

From the depths of our hearts we wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their deeds of kindness and words of sympathy, and the beautiful floral offerings at the death of our son, and brother M. Sgt. J. P. Bingham Jr. Especially do we want to thank the VFW and Auxiliary for the dinner they served.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bingham and children. 1p

CARD OF THANKS

We want to express our sincere and heart-felt appreciation to the people of Hamlin and vicinity who have been so kind to our mother, Mrs. S. B. Leslie, during her last illness, and for the many words of sympathy and the beautiful flowers at her death.—The Daniels children and the Leslie children. 1c

A Quiet Evening at Home



Personal News:

Guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd during the Christmas holidays were J. D. Coopwood of Odell, Mr. and Mrs. John Howell of El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boyd Jr. and family of Plainview, Mary Boyd of Lubbock, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Boyd of Lamesa, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Sparkman and baby of Sweetwater, Mrs. Wesley Johnson and sons, Billie and Douglass of Fort Worth, and Jack Hagelstine of San Angelo.

Mrs. J. F. Hocott's mother came to Hamlin by plane from Atlanta, Georgia, to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Hocott.

Mrs. Maud Watson visited in Borger during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Albritton were hosts to relatives for Christmas dinner last Saturday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Leon Thurmon and son, Britt of Anson, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Roland and daughters, Reba and Mary Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Albritton and children, Cecilia, Dotie and Jan.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Duncan had as their guests during the holidays Mr. Duncan's father, Bill Duncan of Guymon, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. Sammy Metter and family of Hooker, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Metter Colorado Springs, Colorado, and Mrs. Hattie Murray of Loveland, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Adkins of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Adkins of Lubbock and Miss Hazel Adkins of Pasadena, California, were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Shelburne during the Christmas holidays. Miss Adkins is a recent graduate of Leland Stanford University, Palo Alto. She has a degree in physical therapy and is now treating polio patients in a Los Angeles hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Odie Bush and children of Bakersfield, California, Edwin Bush of Texas City, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Pottard of Anson and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Scott of Albany were guests in the home of Connie Drake during the Christmas holidays.

Guests in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Carmichael, December 24, Judy Scurlock, December 26, Mrs. Patricia Mayfield, December 26, medical treatment.

Mrs. Pearl Thompson, December 27, surgery.

Mrs. W. L. Meeks, December 28, medical treatment.

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Mrs. W. J. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Key and son, Bruce, of Tarzan, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. John Cole Jr., and three sons, of Haskell and Louis Criswell spent Christmas in Hamlin with Mr. and Mrs. Gene Scott and family.

Pinkham's Tablets are also one of the greatest blood iron tonics you can buy to help build up red blood to give more strength and energy for girls and women troubled with simple anemia. A pleasant stomach tonic, too! Just see if you don't remarkably benefit! Any drugstore.

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Tomorrow these Aviation Cadets in training at the Pensacola Naval Air Station will put their homework into actual practice in the skies over the Florida base. Two cadets are assigned to large rooms in brick dormitories. Pensacola Naval Air Station, the "Annapolis of the Air," is the focus of the recently reactivated Naval Aviation Cadet training program, which is open to healthy, single young men between 18 and 23, with at least two years of college. Upon graduation they are commissioned ensigns in the Naval Reserve, or second lieutenants in the Marine Corps Reserve, are awarded their wings and assigned to two years' active duty.

(Official Navy Photograph)

CARD OF THANKS

I want to take this method of thanking the churches and clubs and each and every individual for the help and gifts they have given me. May God's richest blessing come to all.—Mrs. D. F. Griffin and sons. 1?

● Lost and Found

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This Eventful Year

CHRONOLOGY of the YEAR 1948

Disasters

January
 12—Dominican DC-3 airplane crash between Santiago and Barcelona, kills 31 persons, including entire Santiago baseball team.
 Thirty-four persons killed, including 22 Mexicans, when DC-3 explodes near Coaling, Cal.

Army funeral ship, Joseph V. Connelly, partly destroyed by fire, sinks while being towed to New York.

Air Marshall Arthur Coningham, 62, and 31 others killed in plane crash.

February

Two truckloads of explosives are blown up, devastating a three-block section in Jerusalem.

Nineteen persons aboard an Indian National Airways plane en route from New Delhi to London killed in crash.

March

Thirty persons killed when Northwest Airlines DC-4 crashes on Mt. Sanford, Alaska, en route from Shanghai to Mt. Paul.

Tom A. F. Myers killed when a B-29 goes down at MacDill field, near Tampa, Fla.

At least 42 persons killed and more than 300 injured in a series of tornadoes which struck nine states from Texas to central New York.

April

More than 3,000 families are evacuated when Ohio river overflows, many persons (19 Americans) killed when PAW plane crashes in Erie.

Cooper mine explosion near Aguas Calientes, Peru, kills 41 miners.

Tornadoes kill at least 23 persons in midwestern states.

Flooded Columbia river claims 23 lives, causes great damage in Oregon, Washington, Idaho. Devastates Vancouver City, Ore.

May

Series of earthquakes destroy about 80 per cent of the Japanese industrial city of Fukuk (population 85,000) and surrounding towns of Honshu.

Transport plane used by the Mexican-American foot and mouth disease control unit crashes on Mt. Orizaba.

Thirty-nine killed when Swedish DC-6 airliner (32 aboard) collides with R.A.F. York transport (7 aboard) near London.

Nineteen coal miners killed in explosion in Princeton, Ind.

June

Four men killed when B-29 comes after take-off near Roswell, N.M. A navy weather reconnaissance plane with 12 aboard crashes and same day on Rota Island, 50 miles north of Guam.

Seventeen U.S. air force men killed in B-29 crash at Rapid City, S.D.

July

Hurricane causes 11 deaths and 10 million dollar damage in Cuba, then does great damage in Miami. A B-29 bomber, struck by lightning, explodes over Waycross, Ga. Nine killed.

Twenty persons died and hundreds were made ill, apparently from release of smog (blend of smoke and fog) which blanketed Donora, Pa.

August

Search abandoned for Air Forces B-29, missing since Nov. 6 en route from Okinawa to Guam.

Thanksgiving Day accidents take toll of 114 lives, compared with 128 in 1947.

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Panorama

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November

Eric Johnson re-elected president of Association of Motion Picture Directors.

President urges congress to continue for two more years the 500 million-dollar programs of federal aid to states or highways.

Army reports that World War II cost U.S. \$353,225,000,000 (\$27 billion). Hop grants enabling Michael of Romania dispensation to marry Danish Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parme.

December

House grants \$200,000 to un-American activities committee by a 337-37 vote. 3-29 drops a \$2,000-pound non-explosive bomb, largest ever made, in test at Muroc, Cal.

President Truman names Paul Gray Hoffman, president of Studebaker corporation, to supervise ERP. Valter P. Reuther, president of CIO, joined Mr. Hoffman, slightly wounded by unidentified assailant.

Commission of the Churches of International Affairs is established in New York City.

January

Columbia breaks off diplomatic relations with Russia.

Tom Dewey of New York stumps Oregon.

President Truman invokes Taft-Hartley law to avert long-distance telephone strike. Chrysler ends its 17-day strike. Grants 12¢ hourly raise.

February

Senator Taft of Ohio tours North Carolina in election campaign.

CIA Packinghouse Workers in Chi-

cago end its 62-day strike of 8,000

Wilson employees, winning nine-cent hourly raise.

10—Air force reveals that rocket-powered Bell X-1 has been flown faster than speed of sound.

July

5—Geo. I. Hall, of New York, elected Grand Ruler of BPOE in Philadelphia.

12—John L. Lewis and 18 steel companies sign a contract ending strike of 900 UMW miners.

18—President Truman orders all men between 18 and 25 to register August 30 to September 18 for military service.

30—Combined navy, air force shelling, bombing and torpedoing sinks battleship Nevada in Pacific.

31—Ideawild airport—4,900 acres—dedicated in New York.

August

6—First around the world flight by B-29's is completed when two of the bombers land at Davis-Monthan base, near Tucson, Ariz.

11—Census bureau estimates U.S. population at 143,414,000, as of July 1, 1947, 8.9 per cent higher than the 1940 census.

17—Vancouver, Ore., devastated by flood May 30, is sold for salvage for \$175,591. Original cost, 26 million.

September

11—Miss America of 1948 chosen in Atlantic City; Beatrice Vella Shopp, 18, Hopkins, Minn.

13—Rep. Margaret Chase (R., Me.) elected to U.S. senate by a record majority.

October

8—UMW announces beginning of a program to guarantee all 400,000 members and families free medical and hospital service.

13—Capt. Colin P. Kelly, Jr., first U.S. hero of World War II, is buried in his home town, Madison, Fla.

14—U.S. Judge Luther M. Swygert of Indianapolis holds the AFL Int'l. Typo Union in contempt.

November

1—Profs. Auguste Picard and Max Cosyns conditioned plane to make two-and-a-half-mile deep-sea dives after their special bathyscaphe was damaged off the Cape Verde islands.

6—White House was closed indefinitely to social engagements and sightseers until early October due to the man who could be completed.

12—Trial of 12 top U.S. Communist leaders postponed for fourth time because of illness of William Z. Foster, Communist party chairman.

22—U.S. air force efforts to make probe by seeding clouds with dry ice after nine months of experiments prove ineffectiveness of procedure.

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Domestic

January

6—800 congressmen convene.

8—Begin hearings on the Marshall plan.

Principal witness is State Secretary George Marshall.

13—Astronomer at Mt. Wilson observes announced discovery of a new minor planet traveling a route within 140 million miles of Earth.

22—Princess Elizabeth's son christened.

February

3—National Airlines' 145 pilots strike before midnight over dismissal of pilot two years ago.

4—Defense secretary Forrestal consolidates navy and air force transport systems into military air transport service.

5—Glen H. Taylor (D., Ida.) quits party to become Henry Wallace's running mate.

23—Maj. Gen. Bennett E. Meyers goes on trial on charges of suborning perjury in senate investigation.

March

1—House un-American activities committee accuses Dr. Edward U. Condon, director of the national bureau of standards, of being "one of the weakest links in our atomic security."

19—Bernard Baruch presents state-forming relations committee with his startling "peace mobilization" program.

23—Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, chief of staff, withdraws from Republican presidential race.

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24—Gen. Hoyt S. Vandenberg succeeds Gen. Carl A. Spaatz as air force chief.

June

2—Both houses of congress override tax cut veto, pass omnibus foreign aid bill and adjourn for week.

10—House speaker Joseph W. Martin, Jr. intervenes in the 27-day strike of 400,000 soft coal miners, and soon awards an important agreement is announced.

10—John L. Lewis is fined \$20,000 and UMW \$1,400,000 for contempt of federal court order.

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July

1—Gen. Dwight Eisenhower retires from the army.

5—President Truman celebrates his 64th birthday.

10—Three railroad brotherhoods call off nationwide strike called after President Truman orders army to seize roads.

19—House passes Mund-Nixon Committee-control bill, 319-58.

21—N.Y. Gov. Dewey wins Oregon presidential primary over Harold E. Stassen.

August

2—Senate votes to admit 200,000 foreign aid bill and adjourn for week.

4—House appropriates \$5,000,710,222 for foreign aid.

10—Senate passes two-year peacetime draft bill.

21—Twenty-fourth Republican convention meets in Philadelphia. Gov. Dewey and New York delegation lead the delegation on fourth day, with Gov. Earl Warren, of California, as his running mate.

23—Orville Wright, 76, co-inventor of heavier-than-air plane.

September

9—Burns Mantle, drama critic, N.Y. Daily News editor of early collection of best plays.

23—Dr. Robert Gregg, 80, inventor of Gregg system of shorthand.

24—William Faulkner, novelist and playwright.

26—Robert McCowan Barrington Ward, 57, London Times editor since 1941.

October

5—Gen. Eisenhowers reiterates he will not run for the presidency.

8—Soft coal prices rise 4¢ a ton.

15—President Harry S. Truman, 64, and Sen. Alben W. Barkley, 70, of Kentucky, are nominated by the Democratic nation convention in Philadelphia.

22—John Wallace third party, meeting in Philadelphia, officially names itself the Progressive Party, and nominates Henry Agard Wallace, 68, as its candidate for president and vice-president.

24—President Truman signs second peacetime selective service bill.

November

5—Emily P. Bissell, 86, founder of U.S. Christmas seal drive in 1907.

25—Adm. Jose Reeves, 76, commander-in-chief of U.S. fleet, 1934-36.

December

1—Bing Crosby named top money-making star for 8th consecutive year.

11—Best Years of Our Lives, daily film poll as the best 1947 picture.

California observes 100th anniversary of discovery of gold by Jas. M. Marshall in Coloma.

Bennie Bradley formally nominated by President Truman to succeed Gen

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Beginning Again

"I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning
Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door,
And never be put on again."

Those inspired lines from the talented pen of Lousia Fletcher are especially appropriate at this season of the year, when time is fast running out on the old year and a new, fresh, unspoiled year stands at the threshold of eternity awaiting the stroke of midnight to make its dramatic entry.

They are lines that need to be read and studied daily by those of us who are constantly making mistakes and forever hurting those whom we love most.

New Year is a fine old tradition—one that we would do well to continue. It is a time for sober reflection upon the unchangeable record of our past lives and for making solemn resolutions that we will avoid mistakes during the coming 365 days.

New Year traditionally is a time for taking inventory. It is a time when business men check over old transactions and balance their accounts. It is an ideal time, too, for the individual to check over the personal transactions of his own life and balance his own accounts.

There is none of us who has not made mistakes during the days of the fast wanting 1948. Many of us have made grievous ones. And it is a helpful thing for us to look backward with regret and then turn forward with hope and courage.

It is never well for us to dwell too long in deep regret, nor is it wise to indulge in too much self recrimination. We need to look backward only long enough to be convinced that we were wrong and that some other course would have been kinder and wiser.

But as we face the new year we can avoid the errors that we made during the past. We are facing 365 days of opportunity for doing good. We are going into 12 months of unknown adventure—of untried experiences, and it is ours to determine largely how the history of those 12 months will be written in our own book of life.

Have you been guilty of pettiness during the past year? Then you can resolve now that you will become bigger. Have you permitted hatred and malice to enter your heart during 1948? Then you can pledge to yourself that there will be no room for such dangerous passions in the days that stretch before you.

Have you deliberately stunted your spiritual life in the 52 weeks that will end Friday night? Then you now can make a vow that you will nurture your soul as you nurture your body during the year that is dawning.

Each time we face a new year we have this glorious opportunity of beginning again. Each resolution we make is proof that within us a desire for a better life constantly struggles. Many resolutions are made with honesty and determination only to be broken before many days pass by. But it is much better to break them than never to have made them. For each resolution made is an attempt on our part to conquer the baser parts of our natures.

And so, as we face 1949—with all the world unrest and all the threats of war and bloodshed—let each of us, conscious of our weaknesses and our limitations, vow within our own hearts that we shall make

Open Letter To A Fool

Now that one-half of the annual highway holiday slaughter is over and the blood on our red-stained highways has dried in preparation for another baptism of gore during the coming week-end, it seems fitting that a letter should be addressed to those who will be responsible for the carnage that always ushers in a New Year.

Some of them will not be living many hours after the New Year begins its inexorable march down the pages of 1948—and, most of them won't read this, but perhaps a few will. And it is just possible that this letter will cause one of them to think and thus save his life. Anyway, here's a letter to a fool:

Of course you'll yawn when you read this—that is if you read it at all. And if you do read it and yawn, you'll think that it applies to your neighbor or the man across the street and never once let it soak into that head of yours that perhaps it might refer to you.

You've been reading editorials of this nature—or yawning and passing them by—every holiday season for many years. You've probably come to believe that newspapers publish them just to fill up vacant space, or for the personal entertainment of the editor—never once have you let it soak through your thick skull that they are published in an effort to penetrate the dark fog that ensouls your feeble mind.

And now, if you've read this far, you're probably wondering just what is the purpose of this editorial, and when, if ever, it's going to get to the point. You're probably expecting it to go into a bunch of trite statements and quote a lot of statistics, and then wind up with that worn-out slogan about driving safely.

But again you're wrong. This editorial is not written in the hope that your own life will be saved. You probably already have forfeited it many times in the dangerous chances you've taken at the wheel of your car. It is only a matter of time until your body will be picked up in pieces and placed in a basket, because you can't continue to win in the long chances you have been taking.

But when that moment comes that you are snatched into eternity, why do you want to take others with you? Why do you want to go out to meet God with your hands dripping with the blood of innocent persons? I know that you are not a murderer at heart, but you certainly are not careful when it comes to safeguarding the lives of others.

There will be hundreds of cars on the roads during this week-end. Many of the drivers will be no brighter than you—and it is barely possible that some will not be quite as bright—so please try to make that foot of yours a little bit lighter when you put it on the gas, and try to use that head for something other than a receptacle for cheap liquor and a holder for cigarettes.

Just remember that you need not be in such a hurry to hurl yourself into eternity because you're going to be there a long, long time, and this old world will get along fairly well without you. And even though your name would look real nice chiseled into a piece of marble, you'll not be there to read it.

So, please Mr. Reckless Driver, whose only fitting title is fool, drive safely and save a life—it may be your own worthless one.

Predictions for '49 Made by Babson

1949 IN A NUTSHELL.

General Business: Off 5 Pct.

National Income: Off 5 Pct.

Farm Income: Off 15 Pct.

Bituminous Coal: Off 5 Pct.

Anthracite: Off 10 Pct.

Crude Oil Production: Up 3 Pct.

Steel Output: Up 5 Pct.

Automobiles: Up 10 Pct.

Building and Construction: Off 20 Pct.

Lumber: Off 5 Pct.

Foreign Trade: Up 5 Pct.

Airline Passenger Miles: Up 10 Pct.

Military Activities, Including Aircraft: Up 50 Pct.

Retail Trade: Off 5 Pct. to 10 Pct.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL OUTLOOK FOR 1949

By Roger W. Babson

1.—Total volume of business for 1949 will be less than that of 1948. There surely will be many soft spots.

GENERAL BUSINESS.

2.—Most industries will show smaller net profits. This means that, in many cases dividends will be less in 1948.

3.—Military preparedness will be a new and powerful industry which this country never heretofore experienced in peace times. It is destined to bolster employment for some years ahead, but not the standard-of-living.

4.—Inventories quoted both at their dollar values and in volume will increase during 1949. Both raw material piles and manufactured goods will be in greater supply during 1949.

COMMODITY PRICES.

5.—Some rationing or priorities may be attempted in 1949. The public will make demands for price controls in the case of certain products. Beware of installment purchases in 1949.

6.—We expect the peak in wholesale commodity prices has been reached for this cycle. We, therefore, advise going easy on inventories. 1949 is a time to get out of debt and stay out of debt.

7.—The retail price of some goods, other than food products, may be higher during 1949, but we believe that the Cost-of-Living Index has turned downward.

8.—Retail price changes lag after whole sale price changes. This explains why we expect many retail prices on good quality merchandise to hold up for awhile after wholesale prices decline.

FARM OUTLOOK.

9.—The total farm income for 1949

should be less than that of 1948, due to lower prices for wheat, corn, pork, poultry, eggs and certain dairy products. Farmers should diversify more in 1949, get out of debt, putting surplus money into savings and prepare for real troubles some day.

10.—The supply of certain vegetables and fruits should increase during 1949. The price of these should fall off, barring some weather, insect or blight catastrophe.

11.—Poultry and dairy products will also increase in volume during 1949, prices averaging less than 1948 prices.

12.—Farmers will continue to work for extensions of subsidies. The above four Farm Forecasts assume normal weather. A drought could upset these.

TAXES.

13.—The Federal Budget will not be increased during 1949.

14.—Federal taxes will not be decreased during 1949, but there may be some readjustments to encourage venture capital and to ease the tax burden on wages.

15.—We forecast that an attempt will be made by some cities to put ceilings upon real estate taxes or enact local sales taxes.

16.—The long-term capital gains tax of 25 per cent will remain unchanged.

RETAIL TRADE.

17.—Goods on counters will be of better grade in 1949.

18.—There will be many "mark-down sales" of inferior quality goods. Curbs on installment buying will continue.

19.—The dollar value of all retail in 1949 should about equal that of 1948, perhaps off five per cent.

20.—The unit volume of retail sales will be less in 1949 than in 1948.

FOREIGN TRADE.

21.—Our foreign trade will remain about the same. We shall continue to help Europe; but it will be on a more efficient basis.

22.—More foreign credits will be granted during 1949; but these mostly will be direct to business concerns.

23.—There will be greater competition from other countries in legitimate foreign trade where the credit is good.

24.—Throughout 1949 war talk will continue; but no real World War III will start in 1949. War preparations will continue.

LABOR OUTLOOK.

25.—Good business depends upon two things: (1) reasonable wages and (2) reasonable prices. When both of these factors are in balance

there is good business; but when they get out of balance, look for trouble. Low prices are of little help when people have insufficient wages with which to buy; but it is also true that good wages are of little use if prices are too high for people to buy. The Taft-Hartley Law will be repealed or amended to encourage free speech, union protection and increased production.

26.—The income of wage workers must increase before an advance in prices. Contarriwise, too high prices always precede a decline in employment and wages. This downward cycle leading to unemployment may begin in 1949. Much depends upon crops and weather.

27.—Labor leaders who get increased wage rates usually get re-elected, while those who do not get wage increases are liable to be defeated. Hence, labor leaders have naturally kept urging higher wages, although they may feel in their hearts that wages are high enough for the time being. We forecast that 1949 will see some change of attitude in this regard and that wise leaders will be more interested in preventing the "bust."

28.—If wages are too high, organized labor is the first to be laid off when business declines. Unorganized workers have the steadiest jobs and will go through 1949 without losing their positions.

29.—Some labor leaders will, during 1949, work for pension systems and sick benefits. This would be a constructive program for employers who can afford to do it, but many employers cannot afford even these benefits at this time. Both employers and wage workers will some day unite in urging a program which will give steady work throughout the year. This is the best hope for lower building costs. Bricklayers, painters and carpenters are criticized today for doing such a small amount of work, but we must remember the many days when they are unable to work due to weather and other conditions.

INFLATION.

30.—Inflation (high prices) comes when consumption exceeds production. This means that inflation can be checked only by increasing production or by reducing the money supply. The job of getting prices down today depends, therefore, upon what management and labor product per hour. We believe that wage increases during 1949 will be accompanied by a corresponding increase in the per hour production

work backlog is the lowest in two years.

Dr. Bion R. East, director of VA's Dental Service, said that during the three months ending September 30, 1948, the agency's dental workload was pared from 291,051 to 229,541, a reduction of 21 per cent.

32.—At some time during 1949 we forecast that the point will be reached where the nation's inflated money supply will have become fully employed. Hence, emphasis may shift from efforts to stop inflation to efforts to halt deflation.

STOCK MARKET.

33.—1949 may not be a better year stock market wise than 1948. Investors will especially get out of stocks of companies which have most of their assets in big, "vulnerable in case of war" cities, reinvesting in companies whose assets are well distributed and safe from attack.

34.—The Administration will not want the Dow-Jones Industrial Average to go too high on account of the consequent effect upon labor's demands. Commodity speculation will continue to be curbed.

35.—The wisest will not try to pick any special "winners" in 1949; but will diversify broadly. Those who have too many stocks will gradually build up good reserves, in cash Governments, for the big break which will come some day. Careful buyers of stocks will insist on making full payment and avoid borrowing during 1949.

36.—Safe dividend paying stocks will be in greatest demand, especially if double taxation on dividends should be eliminated.

BONDS.

37.—We are definitely bearish on low-coupon-rate, long-term taxable bonds as money rates fall gradually increase.

38.—If Congress should exempt dividends from double federal taxation, 1949 will see a further falling off in the prices of certain tax-exempt bonds.

39.—We forecast no change in the nation's monetary policy relating to credit control and interest rates during 1949.

40.—Investors will give much more attention to diversification in 1949 and will try to have their bond maturities either fairly short or staggered.

REAL ESTATE.

41.—City real estate will continue to hold firm through 1949, due to less available rental space caused by pulling down structures to save taxes, provide parking spaces, etc. There also is a disinclination to build new city property in view of the present high costs.

42.—Suburban real estate will continue in fair demand during 1949 although there will be some shading of prices.

43.—Big commercial farm acreage will sell for less during 1949; but subsistence farms, located close to established communities, will hold up in price.

44.—General building will decrease during 1949 although the cost of building may decline a little. The quality of workmanship will improve.

45.—Both office and residential rents will be higher in 1949. Only as property owners are granted higher rentals, will there be enough houses to rent.

46.—Mortgage interest rates during 1949 will continue about the same as in 1948. Any change will



Jewish New Year Is Solemn Rite

Jewish people observe the New Year at a different date and with more religious solemnity than is associated with the Christian New Year.

Rosh Hashana, the name of Jewish New Year's day, may occur anytime between September 5 and October 5. It is one of the highest of Orthodox holy days and opens a period of penitence, prayer and charity which lasts until Yom Kippur, ten days later. Yom Kippur means Day of Atonement.

Traditionally, Yom Kippur was set apart as a day of atonement by Moses and elaborate ceremonies solemnized its observance until the offering of sacrifices was abandoned after the destruction of the

Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

In modern times, no other Jewish fast day or festival is as generally and religiously observed. Services in the synagogues begin in the evening of the preceding day and are continuous until sunset on the day itself. The souls of the dead are included in the community of those pardoned on the Day of Atonement, and it is customary for children to have public mention made of their deceased parents and to make charitable gifts on behalf of their souls.

There is, reportedly, a Book of Life wherein the name of every living creature is written. This Book is sealed annually on Yom Kippur. This is the reason for the customary Jewish New Year greeting, "May you be inscribed for a happy New Year."

Herald Want Ads Pay Dividends

Carloadings in Area Continue Downward

Carloadings by the Katy and Santa Fe railroads in the midwestern area continued downward during the week just closed, according to reports from the two companies.

For the week ended December 18, 1948, total carloadings were 26,958 as compared with 30,179 for the corresponding week of 1947.

Mrs. W. H. Gilbert spent the Christmas holidays in Seymour as a guest of Rev. and Mrs. E. L. Gates and family. She was a guest of Afa Rike in Haskell before returning to Hamlin.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. O'Neal and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hendricks of Gorman were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John O'Neal last Sunday.

Mrs. R. E. Redus has returned to her home in Hamlin after a visit of several weeks in Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simpson and son were guests of relatives in Georgetown Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Jones is making her home in Hamlin with Miss J. E. Rees.

J. E. Patterson spent the Christmas holidays as a guest in the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jack Creswell of Wewoka, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Lee McClain of Wichita Falls spent the Christmas holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonner. Mrs. McClain is a sister of Mrs. Bonner.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bonner, Robert Bonner, Janet Bonner and Mrs. Lee McClain of Wichita Falls were guests of relatives in Sweetwater Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cotten of Houston spent Christmas in Hamlin as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cotten.

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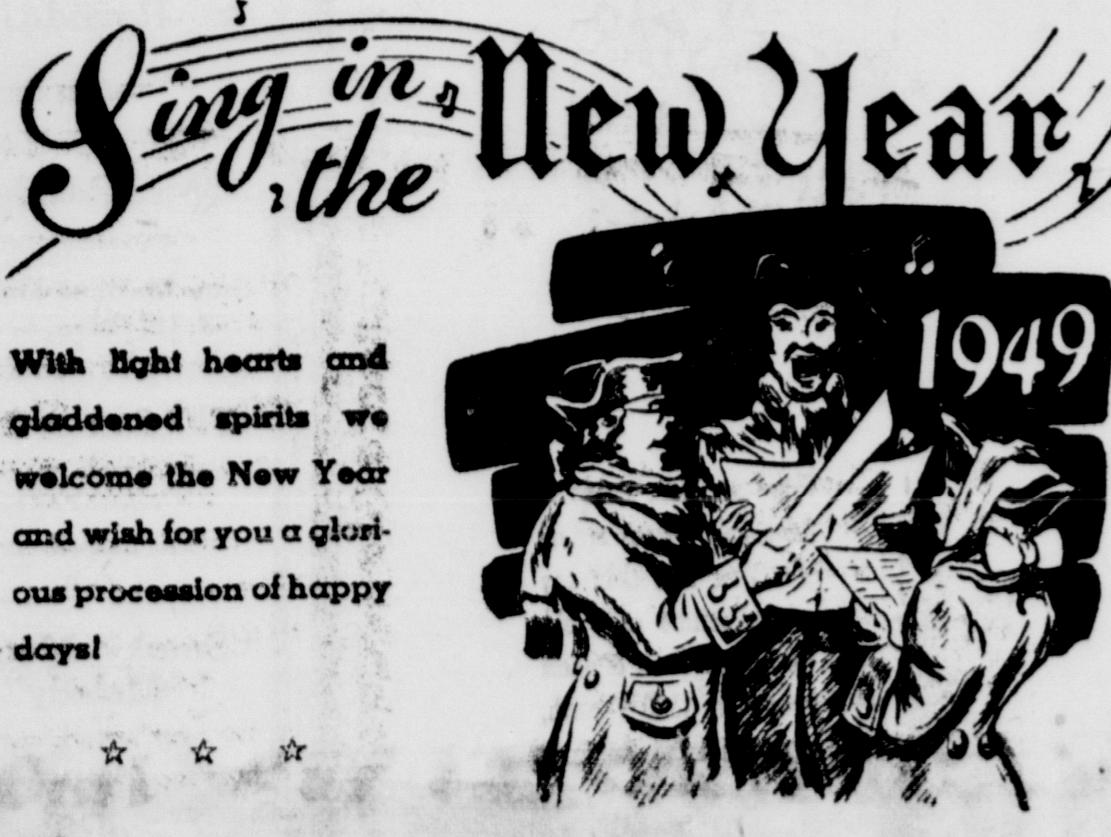
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HAMLIN V. F. W. POST No. 6014

Community Christmas Entertainment Is Held in Celotex Meeting Hall Friday

The annual Christmas entertainment for residents of Celotex and community, was held in the Celotex meeting hall Friday evening, December 24.

The program, in charge of Mrs. Hattie Warnell and Miss Iris Criswell, consisted of the following:

"Welcome," by Jerry Warnell; "He's the One," by Max Cowan; "It Isn't What You Get," by Deiores Cowan; "Santa's Mistake," by Eva Wallace; a vocal solo, "Let's Light the Christmas Tree," by Dennis Armstrong; "The Proof," by Ruby Campbell; a reading by Patsy Dominey; a piano solo, "Beer Barrel Polka," by Janet Bonner; a reading by Sue Ray; "I Am a Wee Lady," by Minnie Mae Campbell; "Santa's

House," by Charles Wayne Green. Christmas star exercises were given by Frankie Weaver, Mary Sue Warnell, Mary Ann Willbanks, Joe Donald Cowan, Mittie Ann Ray, Joe Lee Loyd, Atha Ray Brown, Joyce Whitley, Victor Criswell, R. M. Weaver, Dwight Wallace, Linnie Johnson and Jiminy Loyd.

Christmas songs were illustrated by Patsy Dunn, Bobby Green, Linda Wallace, W. H. Hallmark, Dewey Martin and Nellie Johnson.

Gifts were brought and exchanged with relatives and friends. O. T. Kelley served as master of ceremonies with the help of Santa Claus and six girls, to help hand out the gifts. Christmas sacks, consisting of fruit, candy and nuts, were given to all children under 12 years of age.

Decoration of the two large trees was done by Herbert Hopper, Jerry Biscoe, Ardenne Lockhart, Ted Armstrong, Dick Armstrong, Chas. Early Sarah Johnson, Bettye Joyce Ray, Neta Green and Iris Criswell.

Dr. W. C. House and his sister, Mrs. Mills, went to Dallas Monday, where they have been guests of relatives. They will return to Hamlin Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Pitzer of Chickasha, Oklahoma, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Cassle during the holidays.

Mrs. Tate May accompanied her son, James Tate, to Dallas Tuesday, where she will spend the remainder of the week. James Tate, who is employed in Louisiana, was a guest in the home of his parents during the Christmas holidays.

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Miss Wilma Rhoten Is Bride of L. V. Hill

Miss Wilma Rhoten became the bride of L. V. Hill in a ceremony in the home of her parents at 10:00 a.m. Christmas day.

Rev. A. R. Posey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hamlin officiated at the impressive ritual. Attendants were Thee Hill, brother of the groom and Miss Delma Rhoten, sister of the bride.

Mrs. Hill is a resident of the community southwest of Hamlin. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rhoton of that vicinity. She is a junior in Hamlin High School.

Hill graduated from Hamlin High School with the class of 1945, and following his graduation he served two years in the army, having duty in Italy. He is now employed in a local store.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill have established their home in Hamlin.

Hamlin Schools Will Reopen Mon., Jan. 3

Hamlin's schools, closed for the Christmas-New Year holiday vacation last Wednesday, December 22, will reopen for the full schedule Monday, January 3. L. R. Hutchison, superintendent, said this week.

Many of the teachers and students spent the holiday period visiting relatives and friends in other towns and cities.

Tate May will go to Dallas Thursday, where he will attend the Oregon State-SMU football game in the Cotton Bowl.

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Guests in the home of Mrs. S. F. Mason and daughter, Gertrude were Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mason of Dallas, and Mr. and Mrs. Merle Mason of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Hennington are guests of their son in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hennington and family are visiting on the plains.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Beard of Marion were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Rector.

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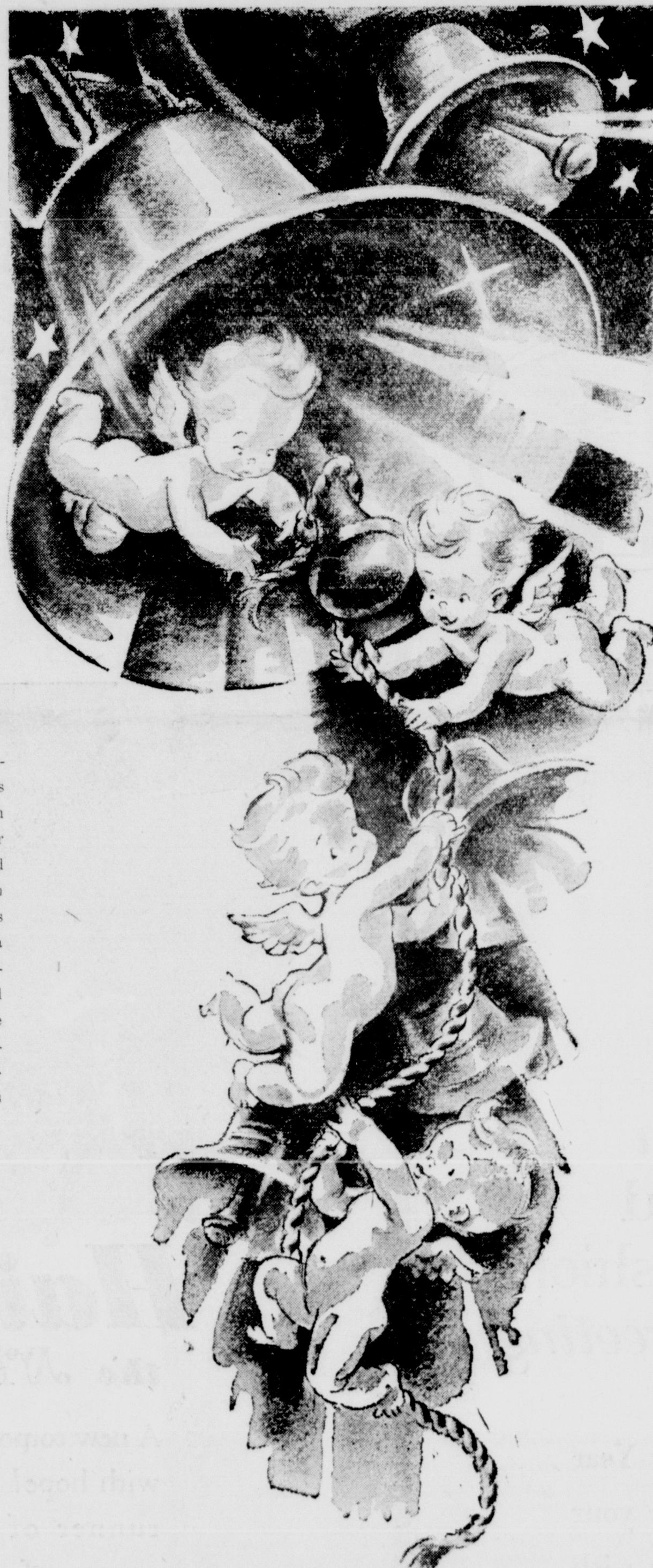
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The past year has been a good one for our community, and for this we are thankful . . . while crops were not as large as in some years, yet there has been ample to provide food and clothing and shelter for all of us. No epidemic has swept its crippling and killing breath across our neighborhood, and health generally has been good. Truly the hand of God has rested in blessing upon us and all of us owe to Him a prayer of thanksgiving as the year of 1948 slips silently behind the curtain of history to be succeeded by the promise of 365 new days. For all of these things, together with the kind cooperation of Hamlin people, The Herald and its employees are thankful, as the clock ticks slowly away the waning hours of this year.

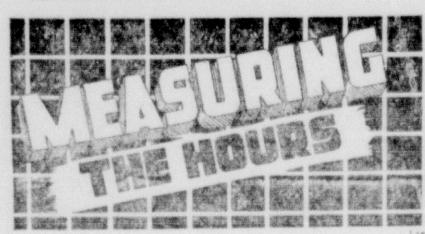
Regardless of the condition of world affairs, and regardless of the apparent threat to world peace by aggressive and warlike nations, we in West Texas can face into the new year with confidence and assurance. We can have confidence in the bounteous production of our lands, and in the ability of our area to help provide a starving and needy world with food and clothing. We can have assurance that regardless of what may come to our land, this part of the great state of Texas will make a substantial contribution to the welfare of the people of the world. We can know that our immediate area is showing promise of returning ever more riches in production to those who till the soil and tend the cattle that roam our lands. We can go forward, united in the common purpose that West Texas shall continue to serve as the world's "bread basket," and that its people shall continue to be devoted to the ideals that have made of America the haven of refuge for the oppressed and the symbol of liberty for the downtrodden.

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and this interval could be timed by the sun.

The hourglass was better than the "water-thief" because it was cheaper, it would not freeze or spill and it did not require refilling.

Real, mechanically operated clocks were not constructed until the thirteenth century. The word "clock" has been derived from the French "cloche," which means bell, and probably owes its connection with timekeeping to the custom of ringing bells to announce the passing of the hours.

Primitive man measured the length of a day by the moving shadows which reflected the sun's daily course across the heavens.

The first timepiece was probably a pole and a stone—the pole to cast a shadow and the stone to mark where the shadow fell when the sun was highest.

As man became more accustomed to regulating his activities according to specific intervals of time, he devised the "water-thief," the hourglass, and finally the mechanical clock.

Even the simplest "water-thief" measured time accurately because a regular interval of time passed between the moment it was filled and the moment it became empty.

Katy Net Income for November Takes Rise

Net income of the Missouri-Kansas and Texas railroad took a sharp upturn during November 1948, as compared with November 1947, it was reported this week by officials of the company.

During November of the current year the net income was \$624,000 as compared with \$11,000 for November last year. 5

During the first 11 months of 1948 the road's net income was \$5,808,000 as compared with \$2,257,000 for the first 11 months of last year.



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'Open House' Once Marked Holiday

Senior members of the family lament the passing of the "good old day" when New Year's calls were very stylish in America.

"Open House" on New Year's Day was introduced into this country by the Dutch who settled in New Amsterdam and were accustomed to receive their friends who dropped in to offer the compliments of the day. Such calls were very informal, made and received in the spirit of friendship and sociability; refreshments appropriately consisted of homemade snacks and centered around a large bowl of punch, made according to the host's favorite recipe.

The custom grew with the country and, eventually, the nation—or the increasingly populous communities thereof—outgrew the custom. During the latter part of the nineteenth century, it was customary for those who intended to receive their friends and acquaintances to send "at home" notices to the newspapers so that would-be callers might plan accordingly.

The majority of such calls were made in the spirit of friendship and sociability which had given impetus to the custom in the first place. However, human nature being what it is, receptions were often "crashed" by strangers attracted by the prospect of free punch; likewise, hosts and hostesses were frequently embarrassed by guests who, making their seventh or eighth call, arrived in excessively boisterous or mellow moods.

These abuses contributed to the abandonment of the publicly announced "open house" and revival of the very informal New Year's call—exchanged only among intimates toasting the New Year around a very private bowl of punch.

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Area War Dead will be Returned for Burial

Next of kin in two communities in the Hamlin area have been notified that the bodies of war dead are being returned to the United States for re-burial under the War Department's plan of repatriation of men who lost their lives in the recent conflict.

Mrs. Jerry Mobley of Aspermont has been notified that the body of Pfc. Tyler C. Mobley is en route home, and William A. Rives of Rotan, Route 1, has been notified that the body of Pfc. Alfred R. Rives has been shipped.

The bodies are being returned to

the United States aboard the army transport Barney Kirschbaum. Included in the shipment are 4,384 bodies, of which 216 are from Texas.

VISITS RELATIVES.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Smith of Hamlin visited with four of Mrs. Smith's brothers during the Christmas holidays, as they met in Lubbock. They were M. M. McReynolds of Lubbock, A. A. McReynolds of Oklahoma City, E. H. McReynolds of Stamford and L. W. McReynolds of Haskell.

Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein; and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.—Proverbs 16:12.



I am done with the years that were, I am quits.
I am done with the dead and the old,
They are mines worked out, I delved in their pits.
I have saved their grains of gold—
Now I turn to the future for wine and bread—
I have bidden the past adieu—
I laugh, and lift hands to the year ahead,
Come on! I am ready for you!"

—Edwin Markham

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Santa Fe Income for 11 Months Is Higher

Net operating income of the Santa Fe railway system for the first 11 months of 1948 was more than \$16,000,000 in excess of the net income for the first 11 months of 1947, a report issued this week revealed.

During the first 11 months of the current year the net income was reported at \$58,175,986 as compared with \$41,632,703 for the corresponding period of 1947.

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**THE PUZZLE
of
THE YEARS**

KEEPING accurate track of years has been one of human history's toughest problems. Many a headache and much trouble have dogged those who dared to tackle it.

Seven hundred years before Christ, a smart Roman named Pompilius stayed awake nights figuring out what he thought was a good system. But, alas, he made several mistakes. Within a few hundred years the calendar which he had worked so hard to produce became inaccurate and practically useless.

The man who inherited the resultant confusion of Pompilius' errors was a very busy person by the name of Julius Ceasar. Ceasar called all the best minds of his empire into conference and soon the world was given another calendar. It wasn't much good, either. It only lasted fifteen hundred years or so. Then Pope Gregory XIII tried to straighten out the mistakes in Ceasar's calendar. The result was the Gregorian calendar which we use today.

However, there's trouble ahead. Along about 2500 your many-times great grandchildren will celebrate a New Year that's bound to be troublesome. That's the year our calendars will start getting out of whack. When calendars go wrong, seasons start arriving on the wrong days and in the wrong months. This happened because calendars aren't properly geared to the sun's movement.



For instance, when Ceasar got stuck with Pompilius' system the calendar and the solar equinoxes were months apart. Pope Gregory went to work on Ceasar's calendar in 1582 when it was lagging ten days behind the sun.

To Pope Gregory we owe the leap-year. In presenting his calendar to the world, the Pope specified that the calendar play leap-frog. As a result, the year 1582 holds all records for losing birthdays. In order to make up the ten days the calendar was behind the sun, the days between October 5 and October 15 were simply skipped—lost forever.

During the evolution of our calendar some strange things have been tried. Once a year was only ten months long, once March was the first month, again January was the first month, and once February was the last.

Scholars still wrestle with the problem of the years. Even today there's agitation for calendar revision. One solution would keep a 12-month year with provision made for the extra day left over from the 52-week year in ordinary years and the two days in leap year.

The extra day in ordinary years would follow December 30 and be known merely as Year day. January 1 would then follow. In leap years, Saturday, June 30, would be followed the next day by another Saturday called Leap day, then Sunday, July 1.

However, it doesn't look as though there'll be any revision during 1949. Most people will be too busy with their own problems this year to worry about 2500 when our calendars won't be much good.

**Brazil New Year's
A Summer Holiday**

New Year's Day (Dia de Anno Bom) is truly a Red Letter Day in Brazil; in keeping with the hospitality and gaiety universally associated with the observance of New Years, it is the day par excellence for parties, enthusiastic greeting, and general celebration.

Dia de Anno Bom is the 'middle day' of the Brazilian holiday season which begins on Christmas Eve and climaxes on Epiphany. Christmas itself does not stand out as a time of merrymaking so definitely as it does among the Anglo-Saxons: the colorful and impressive Christmas processions are part of the church festival; in the realm of gift-giving, Epiphany—symbolizing the gifts which the Wise Men brought the Infant Jesus—vies with and even holds a slight edge over Christmas, especially among the children.

Since it is really June in January south of the equator, the Christmas season falls in Midsummer instead of during the winter, a fact which has endowed the holidays with

many characteristics of Summer time festivals. In many cities religious and civic organizations sponsor open air "festas." These affairs are attended by throngs of people representing all classes of the population, gifts are distributed to underprivileged children, while music, flags, and flowers contribute to the general gaiety and festivity.

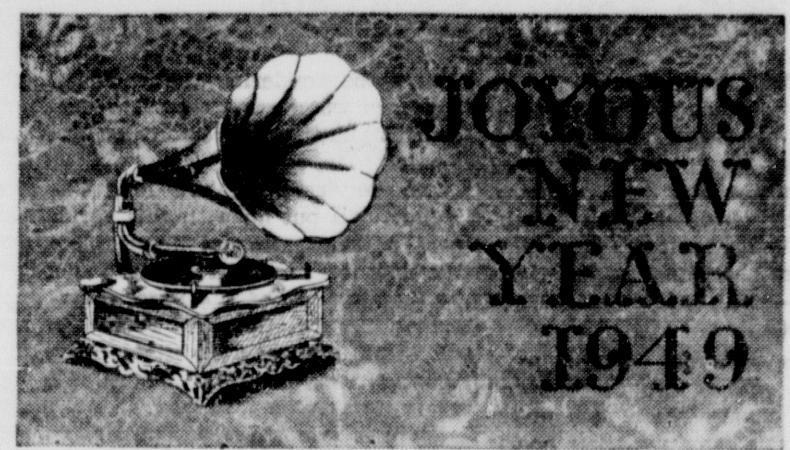
In a land where all festivals are endowed with several sets of customs—those assimilated through foreign intercourse, etc., superimposed upon the ancient traditions brought from Portugal—New Year's Day is included in the list of Brazil's national holidays and is appropriately designated as the day of universal brotherhood.

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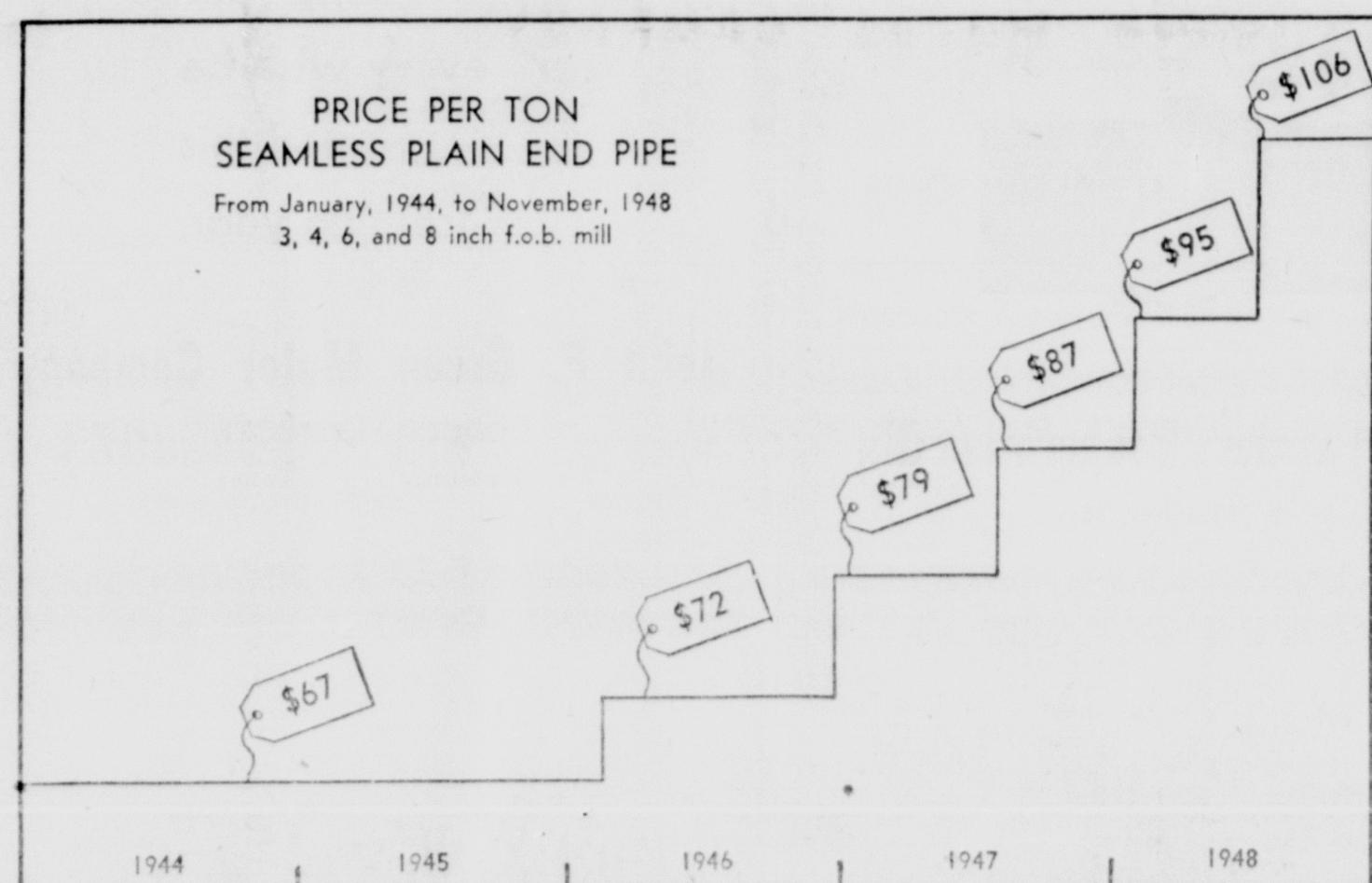
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Canadian Bureaucracy Is Worse Than Ours, Noted Writer Says

By George Peck

Canada, too, has its fair share of "economic planners" who are doing their utmost to propel our northern neighbor into a socialistic economy. Bureaucracy seems to have fastened its paralyzing tentacles even more firmly there than here in the United States—and believe me, that's firm indeed!

American citizens, insofar as I know, are still at liberty to spend their own money where they please and to take it wherever their hearts desire. Not so with Canadians. The Dominion Government, for instance, permits its citizens to take only a few paltry dollars with them when they visit the United States. And further, in order to take out even that pitance, they must have permit, which I am informed involves considerable red tape in the obtaining thereof.

As I have ridden on trains leaving Canada for this country, my heart has bled at the indignities to which our good neighbors are subjected by the inspectors of Canada's Foreign Exchange Control Board. If these inspectors suspect that their victims are carrying more money than the measly sum permitted, they proceed to search them. Oh! Yes, in case

you may be wondering and worrying, there are women inspectors to perform this horrible ceremony on the female of the species!

One wonders just how long Canadians will put up with this abridgment of their personal liberties before they rise in united wrath to kick the stuffing out of the Foreign Exchange Control Board. From the red faces, I've seen on those being dragged away for the search, I'll wager it won't be very long.

Perhaps you'll get a chuckle, as did I, out of a story carried in the Toronto Printed Word on this painful subject. It's good to know that the Canadian Government still permits its citizens to indulge in a bit of humor. Here follows the tale as related in this Canadian publication:

Worm Turns.

While on a train bound for New York, Henry was talking to a friend when he was brusquely interrupted by an inspector of the Foreign Exchange Control Board, who demanded how much money Henry was carrying. Henry told him the modest amount.

"Have you your Form H?" asked the snooper.

Henry produced it.

"Is this all the money you have?"
"Yes."

"Let me see your wallet," the functionary ordered.

Henry complied, still keeping his temper under control, with some difficulty. The inspector counted the money, found nothing wrong, and, apparently disappointed, handed the wallet back.

He was about to pass on to his next victim when Henry spoke, in a voice loud enough to be heard by everyone in the car.

"Hold on," he said. "You've had that wallet in your hands for quite a while. Now you just wait until I count the money in it."

Henry counted it with care and deliberation while the other passengers grinned. Then he said, "It's all right. You may go."

The inspector spent very little time in questioning the remaining passengers. (End of Printed Word story.)

Before feeling to sorry about the sad plight of our Canadian friends, while congratulating ourselves that we may take into Canada all the money we can tote (with no U. S. permit required and with the blessing of Canada), let's not forget we've had and are having some tough treatment at the hands of our own particular breed of bureaucrats. As a "for instance," do you remember during the war that the slicing of bread was prohibited? No one has ever found out why. That really was bureaucracy working at its bureaucratic worst. Even the Canadian bureaucrats, caper as much as they will, cannot top that.

Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Crawford and family of Texas City were guests of relatives in Hamlin. Rev. Crawford is a former pastor of the Church of the Nazarene in Hamlin.

Janet and Robert Bonner are spending the holidays in Sweetwater as guests of relatives.

Guests in the home of Mrs. M. Y. Wilson during the Christmas holidays were Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson and son, Randy, of Anson. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wilson of Abilene. Mrs. M. Y. Wilson Jr., of Perryton and Mrs. Marietta Walsh and daughter, Judy, of Hartshorne, Oklahoma.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carpenter spent the holidays in Haskell as guests of Mr. and Mrs. O. O. Akins.



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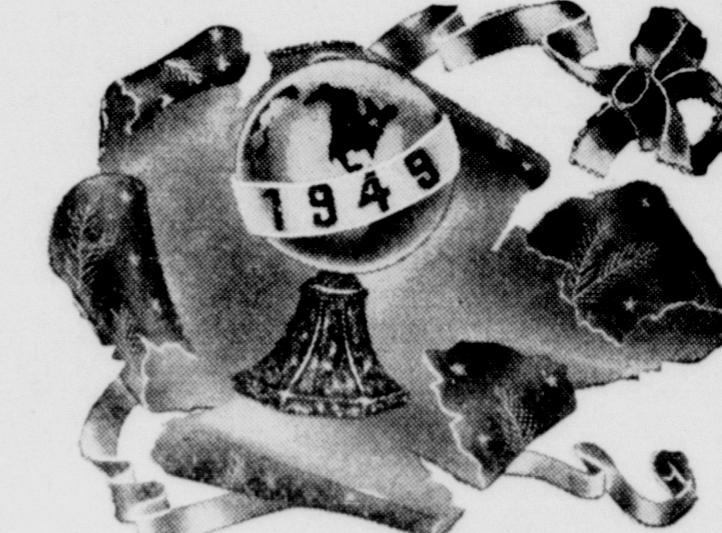
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Hamlin

New Year's Gift of Broken Dishes

Most Americans would be perplexed to find a pile of broken crockery on their doorstep New Year's morning. However, it's a time-honored Danish custom to save every dish which comes to grief during the year and hurl it all against the front doors of friends and neighbors on New Year's Eve.

The tossers are supposed to toss and run, but not too fast. Before they get away, the householder is supposed to open the door and invite them in for coffee and doughnuts.

A pile of broken crockery around any Danish threshold on New Year's morning attests the popularity of the householder and is a compliment to his wife's ability to make delicious coffee and tasty doughnuts.

Gift
"A New Year's gift to the world," said the Frost,
"Rich lace curtains which nothing
cost." —C. G. Leland



"YIPPEEE" . . . We sure hope this young 1949 will grow up to be a lot better than the old nerve-jangler who was named 1948.

Chinese Pay Debts On New Year's Eve

An ancient Chinese tradition demands that all bills be paid on New Year's Eve: anyone who is a debtor or on New Year's Day is considered, and considers himself, very much disgraced. Counting-houses hum with activity long after midnight and tradespeople, shielding lighted candles, hurry through the dark streets of residential districts stopping at this door and that door to settle accounts with their customers.

Traditionally, creditors are entitled to their money only so long as their candles remain lighted. Human nature being what it is, we can imagine debtors and creditors have thought of an ingenious way of accidentally extinguishing those candles or keeping them from being extinguished.

The object of punishment is threefold: for just retribution; for the protection of society; for the reformation of the offender.—Tryon Edwards.

New Year Brings Joy, Hope, Sadness

Superstition and curiosity prompted the Anglo-Saxons to climb upon their roofs as the hour of midnight approached on New Year's Eve—it was believed that something might happen when the New Year burst in and everyone wanted to be in a position to see for himself.

Perhaps more of this "something might happen" superstition has survived than is immediately apparent. Almost everyone dreads the thought of being alone on New Year's Eve: if possible, we gather our families and friends around us in our homes. In a more serious mood, an ever-increasing number of persons attend "Watch" services to greet the New Year in prayer and meditation; and there is a universal resolve to "do better" next year. Gathering in public places, in Times Square—or its counterpart—we make as much noise as possible—presumably because our primitive ancestors utilized noise as an expression of celebration, believing the din would keep evil spirits and influences at a distance.

Joyous New Year Bells.

The New Year bells have ceased to toll for the dying year and now welcome the New Year with joyous peals symbolic of the hope with which mankind looks forward to a brighter future and a better world, but the nostalgic strains of Auld Lang Syne have become so intrinsically a part of our New Year's Eve that even the very gayest gatherings would be incomplete without it.

Indeed, we stand before the New Year with mingled sentiments, not wholly unlike the child of Longfellow's sonnet:

"Half willing, half reluctant to be led,
And leave his broken playthings
on the floor,
Still gazing at them through the
open door
Nor wholly reassured and com-
forted
By promises of others in their
stead,
Which, though more splendid,
may not please him more."

IN ROBY HOSPITAL.

Mrs. Silberter Ramon of Hamlin underwent surgery in the Fisher County Hospital, Roby, last week. Mrs. J. P. Maberry of Sylvester was given medical treatment in the Roby hospital last week.



May the next twelvemonth bring you an abundance of good things and good health.

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**GREETINGS
on New Year's Day**

Here's wishing that the "young hopeful," 1949, will be true to the most optimistic expectations of one and all.

SIMPSON'S FINE FOODS



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friends meet, so we're
in line to wish you well.

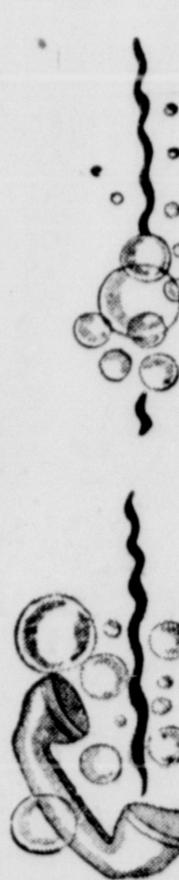
We hope the coming
year brings fulfillment of
your fondest hopes.

WHITE AUTO STORE

PHELPS & BELL



Hello, World! Young Mr. 1949 once again broadcasts his tidings of a new day abounding to a worn and weary world. Another year; another and much brighter page!



For you and yours, we reiterate his hope that the New Year will prove better and more fruitful than the old. May new faith and new courage be yours as you turn a new page in the journey through life, and may all your wishes be fulfilled!

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Townley
W. B. Townley, Elsie Withers, Mrs. H. A. Johnston and
Mrs. Van Huling.

D. & H. Dept. Store



Six New Year's days in a year? Certainly—absurd as it sounds it's true. Here they are:

1. January 1.
2. In that part of the Occident wherein the Greek Orthodox faith prevails January 1 falls upon our January 13.

3. A traditional Chinese New Year's celebration starts February 8 and lasts to February 13.

4. If you happened in on the country of Siam, April 1, you'd find a great ceremonial festivity underway—noting less, in fact, than New Year's.

5. In Arabia, the Mohammedan New Year's is celebrated September 4.

6. September 10 is New Year's in the ancient country of Abyssinia.

New Year's day has been observed for the last 500 years. Nearly everywhere and at all periods it has been a day of rejoicing.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Elvens and children of Levelland spent the holidays with Mrs. Elvens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.B. Cotten.

LANDON V. DAVIS JONES COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER

The County Service Officer is a professional man, well versed in veterans' regulations; a county official, ready and able to help you with your problem, if it has to do with veterans' or dependents' benefits. For your convenience, the following schedule is observed:

ANSON: Monday, Wednesday and Friday; office in Court House.

STAMFORD: Tuesday, and forenoon, Saturday; office in Court House.

HAMLIN: Thursday; City Fire Station.



It's a very happy New Year we're wishing for you.
Good Luck in '49!

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LARGEST CIRCULATION IN TEXAS



ONE of the best places to be on New Year's Eve is right at home—provided you have a party. Successful parties depend upon a bit of prior planning. You must have a theme for the party, and a program to keep your guests amused.

Here are a few good themes for a New Year's Eve party at home: "A Calendar Social," "New Year's Jamboree," "Father Time Party" and "Around the Clock." It will be fun if you tell your guests the theme of your party when you invite them so that they will come in fitting costumes. The best costume ought to win a prize.

There are many games you'll enjoy playing until midnight. At midnight, of course, comes "Auld Lang Syne," and the first snack of 1949.

COUNT THE HOURS—Put into a large paper bag numbers cut from all the old calendars you can find. The figures should range from 1 to 12. Have players "count off" and even numbered players form one team, odd numbers the other. Each person draws a number from the bag. The person who gets twelve "hours" first, scores a point for his team—he lays his numbers aside and draws again when the bag comes around. The player must achieve his "12 hours" by drawing the number 12 or by adding the numbers he has picked, 2, 4, 6, will make the "12." Play until one team scores 10 points.

TIME TO SING—This can be great fun. Select two leaders and let each

choose a singer for his "choir." When the guests are well divided, hand them these words and give them ten minutes to compose a tune for the verse. They must sing it when completed.

I wish I wuz a little clock
That didn't have a chime
Or strike or nothin' all day long.
But just be tellin' time.
I'd run on slow time all my life;
I'd never run on quick,
And if they didn't wind me up
I wouldn't even tick.

PASSING TIME—Provide a double set of small tokens symbolic of the months of the year. Calendars for January, hearts for February, rabbits for March, paper umbrellas for April, maypoles, roses or pictures of a bride for June, flags for July, picnic pictures for August, schoolhouse pictures for September, turkeys for November, Santa Claus for December.

Prepare two large cardboard sheets on each of which you have marked in black crayon twelve squares and above the squares, in correct order, the names of the months. Each leader of a team is given a small tray containing a year of jumbled month tokens. On the word "go" the leader starts their months, one at a time, down their respective lines. When they reach the end player he puts them in their proper places on the calendar. The side that finishes first wins.



NINETEEN FORTY-NINE

Good Health
Good Cheer
Good Friends
Good Fortune—

May that be
your lot in the
coming year.

Stubbs Shoe Shop
Mr. and Mrs. LaRoy Stubbs
and Son

Happy
New Year
1949

AND LET
THE JOYS OF
THIS SEASON
STAY WITH
YOU
ALL YEAR.

M. S. Johnson
Motor Service

Danger From Pneumonia Is Cited by Health Officer; Simple Rules Given

A statement from Dr. George W. Cox, state health officer, discloses the fact that 2,531 Texans died from pneumonia during the year 1947, and emphasizes the often repeated warning that this disease is a killer.

Pneumonia is caused by the pneumococcus germ which is present in the bodies of almost everyone, and ready to start trouble if the resistance becomes lowered for any reason. We can build up our resistance by avoiding undue fatigue and unnecessary exposure to extreme weather conditions. When we go outside in cold weather, sufficient clothing should be worn to keep the body warm. Keeping the temperature of our homes and offices as low

as beginning pneumonia. In this case, the doctor will have opportunity to begin treatment early, which adds materially to the patient's chances for recovery.

OFFICE SUPPLIES at The Herald



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of happy days
all through the
New Year is our
wish for you.

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MICKEY'S CAFE

Mr. and Mrs. Mickey McGuire



The old year is breathing out its
last hours in a hush of expectancy.
But in that quiet we know that
there are horns waiting to be
sounded, bells waiting to be rung,
hearts waiting to be lifted with
bright new hopes. May 1949
be a happy New Year for you!

THE BOOK SHOP

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